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Groundbreaking For New Post Office

THE NEW AGAWAM POST OFFICE will be located at 610 Suffield Street, Agawam. Work began at the 5.7 acre site two weeks ago. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

POSTAL AND LOCAL OFFICIALS broke ground despite a driving rain for the new Agawam Post Office at 610 Suffield Street. From left - Louis Russo, Agawam City Council; Joseph Dahdah, former Agawam/Feeding Hills postmaster; Jessie Fuller, Agawam City Council; Bernard Donahue, Agawam postmaster; Jon M. Steele, Western Mass. postmaster; Walter Ciaschini, Feeding Hills postmaster; Lou Veronesi, union rep. for NALC; and Jo Saunders, director of Postal Field Operations. RELATED PHOTOS INSIDE. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Will It Go On Ballot???

Council Again Faced With St. Anne's

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Let the people decide if they want to buy St. Anne's Country Club.

That's what Mayor Christopher Johnson has asked the City Council to do, and he's given them two weeks to make up their minds.

Johnson withdrew an "emergency preamble" that would have placed a debt exclusion overide on the November 7th ballot.

The "emergency" arose over misinformation regarding the printing date for the November ballots, says Johnson, which are to be printed after the next council meeting.

This will allow councilors a two-week grace period to review the $3.35 million purchase proposal.

Councilors received notice last Friday about Johnson' interest in purchasing St. Anne's Country Club, something he vigorously pushed as a member of the council a year ago.

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According to Johnson, the acquisition of the 170 acre tract would ensure open space for "generations to come" at a time when developers are "gobbling" up land in Agawam at a phenomenal rate.

The proposal presented to the council would, with passage of the ballot question, allow Agawam to exclude the principal and interest payments over the life of the bond issue from its levy limit under Proposition 2½.

How does that impact on the individual taxpayer?

"It comes to about $35 more in the first year, about $300-350 over the life of the bond issue, which is 15 years," Johnson said. "It's a debt exclusion. It will not affect any other budget items."

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FINAL CALL

We again remind those subscribers who have yet to renew their subscriptions to please do so immediately. These subscriptions run from July 1989 to July 1990. Starting next week we will begin to cancel subscriptions. Several subscribers who cancelled their renewals in the past several weeks have resubmitted their names on our reduced subscription price that run from September to July or October to July. We don't believe this is fair to us or the many people who renewed, on time, during the summer. Please submit your $12 (the form is not necessary) to **Office Billing Services, Box 96, Agawam, MA 01001.** Thank-you.

ST. ANNE'S - From Page 1...

Johnson advocates maintaining the site as a functioning golf course, and proposes leasing it out to a professional manager or company for a fixed rent.

"In the long run, it will be cheaper than if that site was developed," Johnson believes.

According to the Mayor, development of the tract would result in as many as 240 new homes utilizing municipal services including DPW (water, sewers, road maintenance, refuse collection) and educational services, while the net tax revenue from those homes would fall far short of the cost of city services to such a development.

"It's cheaper to buy it than to develop that land," Johnson said, adding that all he's asking the council to do is let the voters decide which option they would exercise.

Owner Joseph Napolitan has been offered $3.6 million for the tract by an undisclosed purchaser, and in turn offered the site to the city for $3.35 million, roughly a quarter of a million dollars less. Johnson in turn would allow the Napolitans to retain several lots on South Westfield Street.

Johnson would not disclose the name of the party who has made the higher offer to Napolitan.

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Negotiations for the site have been "ongoing" during the past few months, and finally someone solidified an offer, Johnson explained. If the city doesn't bite now, the land will be lost "forever," he says.

"We've already lost the Agawam Country Club," Johnson reminded voters.

The Mayor would referring to the fact that Springfield developers Anthony Ravosa and Stephen Reilly have purchased the Agawam Country Club, which is located just above Feeding Hills Center on Route 57.

"But people won't believe that until they drive by some morning and see the bulldozers tearing up the grounds. Then they'll wonder what happened," Johnson noted, referring again to St. Anne's.

Johnson advocated the purchase of the St. Anne site last January, but the council failed to approve the purchase.

Should the council fail to place the item on the November ballot, or should the voters of Agawam reject the purchase proposal, it might still be possible to preserve a portion of the land as open space.

"It has the potential for cluster zoning," Johnson states. Cluster zoning mandates that 50 percent of developed tracts remain as open or recreational space while homes are "clustered" on the remaining acreage.

On Local Politics...

If Reorganization Is To Work, Mayor Needs Diplomacy With City Council

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Call it reorganization. Call it consolidation. By any name, it spells change, and people by nature are resistant to change.

"It's crucial to our future," says Mayor Christopher Johnson as he discusses the why's and wherefore's of restructuring City Hall.

Johnson's initial departmental reorganization plans were pulled from the City Council agenda on technicalities, but those plans, or variations on that theme, are expected to resurface for further discussion, probably early in 1990.

And from this vantage point, the young Mayor would be far better off walking the same line with the majority of the council (rather than getting into a war of words which cloud the issue and see little or no results).

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Johnson's plan, a reorganization by function, would lump 18 existing city departments into a lesser number of consolidated groupings. That's the change.

Johnson's original plan dropped long-time department heads Jack Kunasek (Building Maintenance/Parks Department), and Ronald Young (Health Agent), from the payroll.

"It's a plan to reorganize by function. It's only logical. It's sound management. It's sound economics," he says.

In reality, "a large segment of the population simply doesn't want change," Johnson asserts. "But that same segment cries the loudest when taxes have to be increased to meet the expenses of an inefficient system.

"The only way to make that system efficient is to change it, which brings the issue full circle," he adds.

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With the announcement that state revenues are again falling short (this time by $20 million) of expectations, the fiscal portrait for the 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth is increasingly bleak, and mayors like Johnson will be making few popular decisions, learning firsthand that "you can't please all of the people..."

In fact, you probably aren't going to please any of the people before it's over, Johnson notes.

The reorganization issue is not unique to Agawam. Neighboring Westfield has been batting the issue around its council chambers for some time, finally passing a limited departmental plan that gives responsibility for a myriad of public works programs to an individual without authorizing that "leader" to access the means of completing said programs.

On the state level, the number of satelite Office For Children Bureaus have been drastically pared, "consolidating huge geographical regions" into a handful of centralized administrative offices. It's the state's realistic response to a fiscal crisis, a response that could still be a case of too little too late, notes Johnson.

The concept of a "public safety complex" is yet another example of consolidation at its best, with the City of Chicopee setting that example years ago with the construction of a combined police/fire/ambulance facility in Chicopee Falls.

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Agawam's council includes a number of realistic business and professional people capable of factoring the pluses and minuses of consolidation, and at a time when cost-cutting and penny-pinching are becoming the mainstays of city survival, it would behoove them to translate that reality into city-saving action.

No plan is perfect, but intelligent people should be capable of negotiating their way through the pros and cons of "turf wars" and create a series of compromises rooted in fiscal realities.

What happens and how things evolve probably won't be decided until early 1990, or at least until some time thereafter. Johnson's relationship with the council has been strained at times, although he's managed to avoid being under a steady rain of criticism from the majority of the council.

It's very apparent as well that any reorganization at City Hall is Johnson's call, but without council support and cooperation, that "call" becomes much more difficult to first implement and then execute.

So it also becomes incumbent on the Mayor to understand that compromise and diplomacy rather than confrontation are much better methods in dealing with the majority of the City Council.

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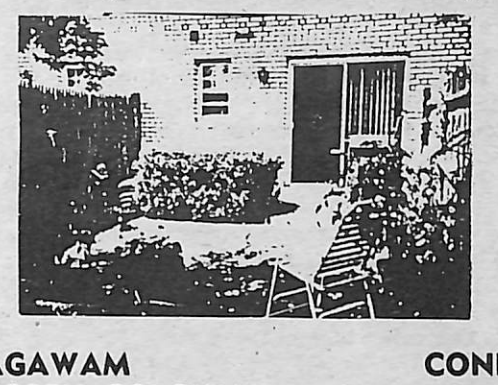

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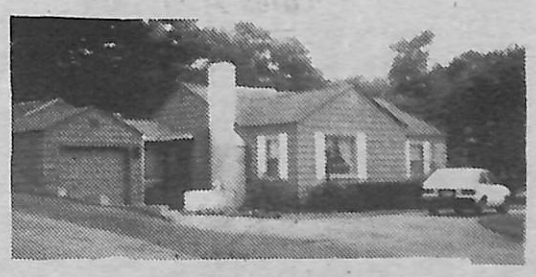

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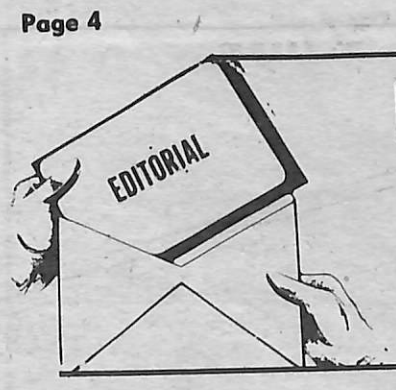

LETTERS to the EDITOR

Agawam EDIC Not Giving The Community Best Effort

To The Editor:

The seven-member Agawam Economic Development and Industrial Commission is an appointed body by the Mayor, with City Council confirmation. This commission is very important to our community, yet after nine years of this commission, I believe it's time to take a long hard look at this group and how it can improve to better meet the needs of Agawam.

First, the corporation should be maintaining a business office in City Hall where all of its business could be conducted. The EDIC should be available to the business world on a day-to-day basis so that anyone wishing information on buying or selling industrial land can do business then and there - not have to wait for meetings that often do not have a sufficient number of members present to run a legal meeting.

This office can have on hand all pertinent data showing where all industrial land in Agawam is located, as well as information accrued, including who owns the land, what services are available (water, sewers), etc.

The EDIC should also be conducting a continuing vigorous public relations campaign to distribute information to potential industrial land buyers. The industrial land in Agawam, which can provide very valuable dollars to our city treasury, is simply not being marketed properly.

We have 680 acres of industrial land currently available all along Silver Street, Suffield Street, and Shoemaker Lane, all zoned "Industrial B." It's just sitting there.

The EDIC is a corporation with all the powers necessary to undertake this task. The members are empowered to see that this land is not vacant. The EDIC has been in operation from some nine years and have not made available or sold one square inch of land, nor has it created one job.

And these are the very reasons for their existence. Let's look at the record of the EDIC. Why haven't they aggressively done their job?

With this record it's high-time for the Agawam City Council to seriously question what's going on with the EDIC and get some answers to some very serious questions about the operation of the EDIC over the past nine years.

There has been a great deal of money spent by the EDIC for consultants, but what has been gained?

It's high-time the taxpayers of Agawam got a return for their hard-earned tax dollars. Let's not wait another nine years.

Valentine R. Moreno
Florida Drive
Agawam

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Last week a "Letter-To-The-Editor" on **"Let's Take A Hard Look At Cluster Zoning"** was not credited to **Valentine R. Moreno,** who submitted it to us. We apologize for the error.

Meissner Shocked By Lack Of Interest On State Spending

To The Editor:

I want to thank you for the excellent eye-catching ad you designed and published for me last week.

As I'm out of Agawam all day, I don't have the time to personally solicit people's signatures for this petition. I though that the good citizens of Agawam were tired of more taxes and fees placed on us by an unresponsive and irresponsible legislature and an arrogant, incompetent Governor.

Would you believe I received one phone call from a person who wanted to sign the petition. I cannot believe the disinterest of the taxpayers.

Most of the people I've talked to make the statement, "The money has to come from somewhere." I disagree.

What Massachusetts needs is responsible management, not a government of "Hacks" and no shows who are real political supporters of the governor and longtime politicians whose primary goal is taking care of their friends.

When Chrysler Corporation was bankrupt a few years ago, a new leader was hired—Lee Iococa.

He cut expenses in an entirely different manner than our politicians.

Politicians lay-off police, firemen, teachers, street and sewer workers, all the people who perform vital, constructive jobs, people the taxpayers will miss and then think more taxes will correct the problem. Meanwhile, all the advisors, department heads, and assistants and who knows what else stay on their nonproductive jobs at nice fat salaries.

Mr. Iococa didn't lay-off. Painters, welders, assemblers, upholstery men, glass installers. He needed them to build cars. Instead he cut the fat out of management. And I mean he cut it, there was hardly anyone left. And look what happened, Chrysler paid their creditors, repaid their loans and today is sailing along with a very positive profit picture.

Meanwhile Massachusetts is sliding under. Our bond rating is only higher than Puerto Rico's (the lowest in the whole country). In the middle of all of these problems, Massachusetts has collected more tax money than ever before and we're still broke.

The only way the taxpayers can stop this negative financial picture in Massachusetts is to make our legislature and especially our Governor open their eyes to reality.

To do it we've got to pull the rug out from under them. By cutting the money they have at hand which they waste and squander.

Taxpayers—sign this petition, for a better Massachusetts.

Walter Meissner
Agawam

OFFICE CLOSED: Due to the Columbus Day Holiday, our office will be closed at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 6th, and ALL DAY on Monday, October 9th, Columbus Day. You may slide your items under our door all day on Saturday. Thanks.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM
AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on October 19, 1989 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 680 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Richard S. Thomas, Jr., on a proposed zone change for approximately 28.2 acres of land on Garden and Orlando Streets. The property is currently zoned Business B and Industrial A and the proposal is to rezone the land to Residence A-3. The property being further described and bounded as follows:

Beginning at a point in the northwesterly sideline of Route 57 where it intersects the easterly sideline of Shoemaker Lane;

Thence northwesterly along the easterly sideline of Shoemaker Lane, 609 feet more or less, to a point;

Thence easterly along land now or formerly of Valley View Associates, Inc., 977 feet more or less, to a point;

Thence northerly along last named land and land now or formerly of Harold and Sandra Linder, 466 feet more or less, to a point;

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Thence northerly along last named land, 552 feet more or less, to a point;

Thence easterly along land now or formerly of DePalma Transportation Service, 284 feet more or less, to a point;

Thence southerly along land now or formerly of Fred and Letesia Giordano, 1034 feet more or less, to a point;

Thence southwesterly along Route 57 on a curve to the right, with a radius of 4450 feet, 1812 feet more or less to the point of beginning;

Containing an area of 28.2 acres, more or less.

By Order of Agawam Planning Board
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman
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Monday, October 9th
COLUMBUS DAY
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Tuesday, October 10th
School Committee Meeting
Junior High School Cafeteria
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Thursday, October 12th
Board of Appeals
City Hall Annex
7:30 P.M.

Monday, October 16th
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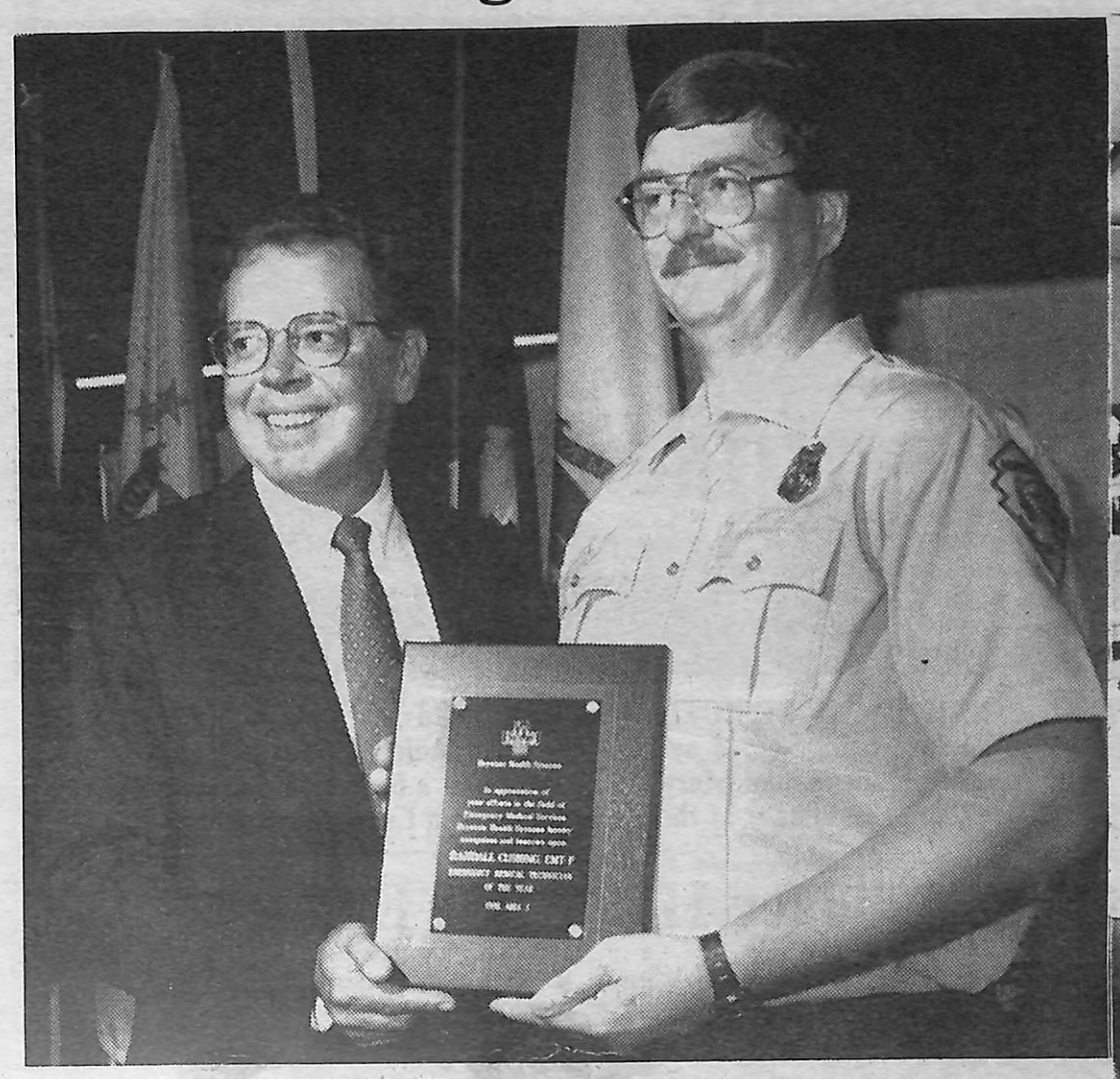

IN PHOTO ABOVE, Randall Cushing (right), a member of the Agawam Fire Department, was named Emergency Medical Technician of the Year for Area III by Baystate Health Systems, parent company of Baystate Medical Center. Presenting the award to Cushing, who was instrumental in the upgrading of Agawam's ambulance service to its current intermediate level advanced life support, was Baystate President Michael J. Daly. IN PHOTO RIGHT, Fire Chief Rusty Jenks presents Cushing with a plaque for receiving the award from the Agawam Fire Department. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE George Bitzas greets Mr. & Mrs. Nestor Cokkinias of Agawam as Barbara Donnelly looks on. Bitzas recently held a fundraising breakfast at the Polish Club.

AGAWAM RESIDENTS Michelle Fields and the Bill McCarthy family are being served by City Council candidate George Bitzas (center), Joe Dupelle, and Mary Ann Cleland, at a fundraising breakfast for the Bitzas candidacy at the Polish American Club.

Dem. Town Comm. "Candidate's Night"

The Agawam Democratic Town Committee is sponsoring a candidates' night on Wednesday, October 25th, at 7:00 p.m., in the Agawam Junior High School auditorium. Both candidates for School Committee and City Council have been invited to participate.

This is an opportunity for the citizens of Agawam to meet and question the candidate before Election Day, November 7th, so they will be more informed on issues that will affect the future of Agawam.

Each candidate will be given one minute to present his or her background and qualifications and will then respond to three questions. There will be time for questions from the audience.

This will be the one time during this campaign that all the contenders will be together for voter analysis.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1989 at 8:00 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of S.J. SCALA who is seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 19 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow for the construction of a single family residence on a lot with less than the required area and frontage. Said lot being located next to 1181 RIVER ROAD.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald LaRiviere, Chairman

Published: October 5, 1989

Brindle Candidacy Has Govt. Experience

City Council candidate Richard S. Brindle of Barney Street today released the following campaign statement:

"Since June 1988, I have served as chairman of the city's Blue Ribbon Committee. The purpose of the committee was to recommend a Management Improvement Plan to be implemented by the Mayor and City Council.

"This committee was made up of 15 individuals, who live in Agawam, and represent a cross-section of occupations, all of whom contributed their own ideas and concerns with our consultants.

"Our final report made 58 recommendations for improving the city's governing powers and services. It was presented to the Mayor and City Council in August of this year. Foremost in our recommendations was the formation of a Charter Review Committee to revise the city charter so as to reflect the new governmental structure of Mayor/City Council. This should be done immediately with a committee made up of interested and qualified persons.

"There are many talented people in Agawam, with a wealth of professional and business knowledge, who could lend their expertise to update the city in its governmental structure to lead us into the 1990's.

"I have served on the Junior High School Building Committee, the Board of Registrars, Town Meeting representative, and several other special committees in the community.

"For 30 years I have been a Trustee of the Captain Charles Leonard House, and have been its chairman for over 10 years. I also presently serve as treasurer of the Agawam Congregational Church and have served on its Boards of Deacons and Trustees.

"I was appointed by the Governor to serve seven years as a Trustee of the Monson Developmental Center and was the chairman for three of those years.

"I want to serve on the City Council with the commitment that what is good for the city is good for the council.

"Therefore, with my commitment to serve the public in its political and civic affairs, I am announcing my candidacy for the Agawam City Council dedicating myself to serve, to the best of my ability, all the people of Agawam in the difficult years ahead," concluded Brindle.

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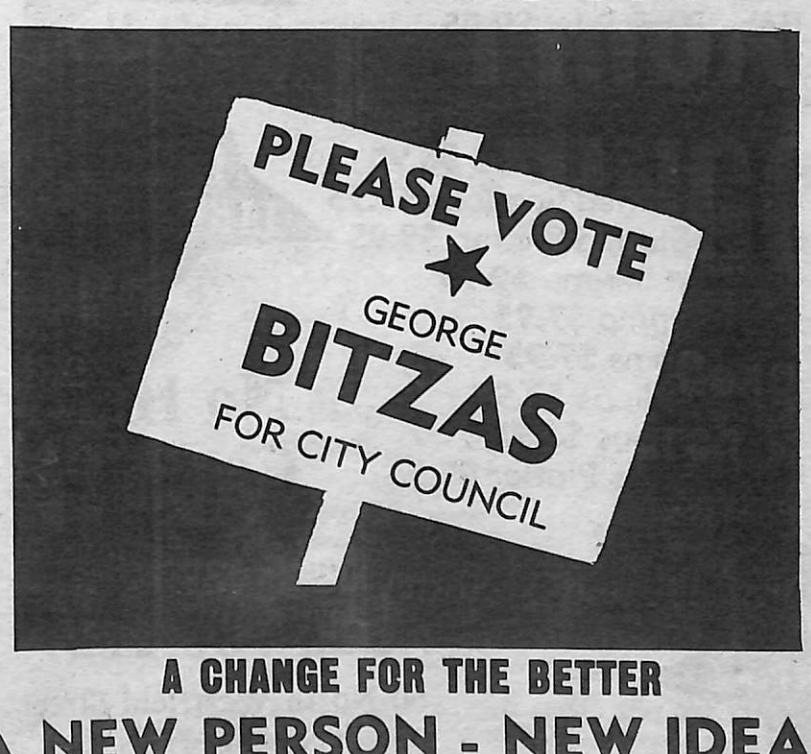

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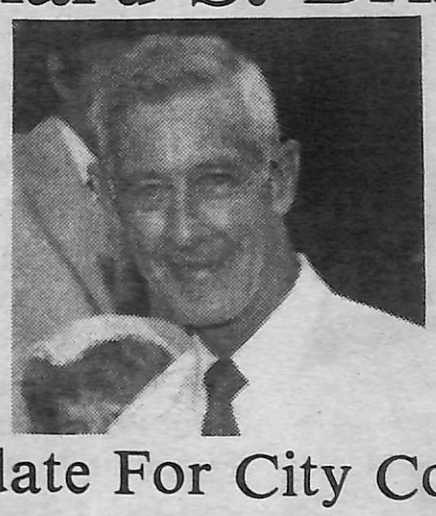

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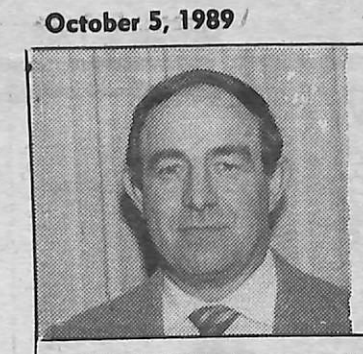

LEGAL LINES

by Attorney
Rene Thomas

QUESTION: An item I purchased from a store recently failed to work properly. When I took the item back to the store, I was told there was no manufacturer's warranty or guaranty and I was out of luck. Am I?

ANSWER: Massachusetts law requires that when a merchant seller makes a sale of consumer goods, there is an "implied warranty of merchantability." This implied warranty or guaranty means that if a consumer purchases consumer goods for personal or household use, the merchant who sells the item promises that the item will perform as it should under normal use. Thus, the merchant is liable whether or not there exists a warranty by a manufacturer.

A merchant cannot disclaim the implied warranty of merchantability in a sale of consumer goods even if it is a sale of used goods or floor samples. Any merchant who attempts to avoid this warranty by selling goods such as "as is" or "with all faults" is violating Massachusetts law as such language is void and does not affect or limit a consumer's remedy for breach of warranty.

There is no implied warranty of merchantability in a sale of goods by a non-merchant seller.

Agawam GOP Plans Monthly Breakfast Meeting Oct. 7th

The monthly meeting of the Agawam Republican Town Committee will be held on Saturday, October 7th, at the Oak Ridge Country Club, at 8:30 a.m.

Ward Carlstrom, a member of the State Republican Committee, will speak on the upcoming state convention and the selection of delegates to that convention.

Now that State Representative Steven Pierce of Westfield has announced his candidacy for governor, delegate selection will become more important.

Agawam Crime Prevention...

Project D.A.R.E. Pushes Self-Esteem As Viable Way To Combat Drugs

by Officer Wayne Macey
Crime Prevention Bureau

Project D.A.R.E. defines self-esteem as ***"a favorable way a person feels about himself or herself."***

Lesson six in the curriculum is completely dedicated to self-esteem and demonstrates how the lack of it is one of the main reasons young people become involved with drugs.

On the other hand, it also explains that people who have a great deal of self-esteem feel good about themselves, know they can do things well, can accept that there are some things they may not do as well as others, get along with other people and hope others will get along with them, feel comfortable being part of a group, do something to solve their problems as they arise, accept responsibilities, and are able to think for themselves and make their own decisions.

During the lesson a story is told involving "Bill" and his activities through the day. A balloon is also employed to visually demonstate when Bill feels bad and when he feels good.

As good things happen throughout the day, the balloon is inflated to show high self-esteem. Negative experiences are shown as low self-esteem with the balloon being deflated. The lesson shows that while other people are an important part of the process, high self-esteem comes from within.

We do not have to rely on other people to blow up our balloon. We are in control, and can make things happen. Through realistic self-praise, and recognition of achievement, we can increase our self-esteem.

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Towards the end of the lesson, the kids open their notebooks and take out a page entitled compliments. They put their names at the top and pass them forward to me. The papers are then passed to a different student; no one to receive his or her own.

The kids then write down one or more compliments about the person whose name appears at the top of the page. When the papers are passed back to their owners, each student gets to read the compliments paid them. As evidenced by the smiles, many have not experienced much of this in the past.

The exercise demonstrates that we can feel good about ourselves by both giving and receiving compliments. In a world filled with "put downs" and negativism, lesson six is a refreshing change as well as an eye-opening experience.

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We are constantly reminded that we are losing the war against drugs. The "Drug Problem" is second in importance only to the budget deficit. I think it is important to understand that it is not so much a "drug problem" as it is a "people problem."

Drugs don't jump into our hands on their own. They don't force their way into our bodies against our will.

The real problem is the basic desire to use drugs in order to accomplish change and facilitate high self-esteem. Drugs are a means of compensation for all that we lack as individuals, and are unable to accomplish on our own.

The solution to the "People Problem" will ultimately be accomplished when we as individuals learn self-esteem through self-improvement.

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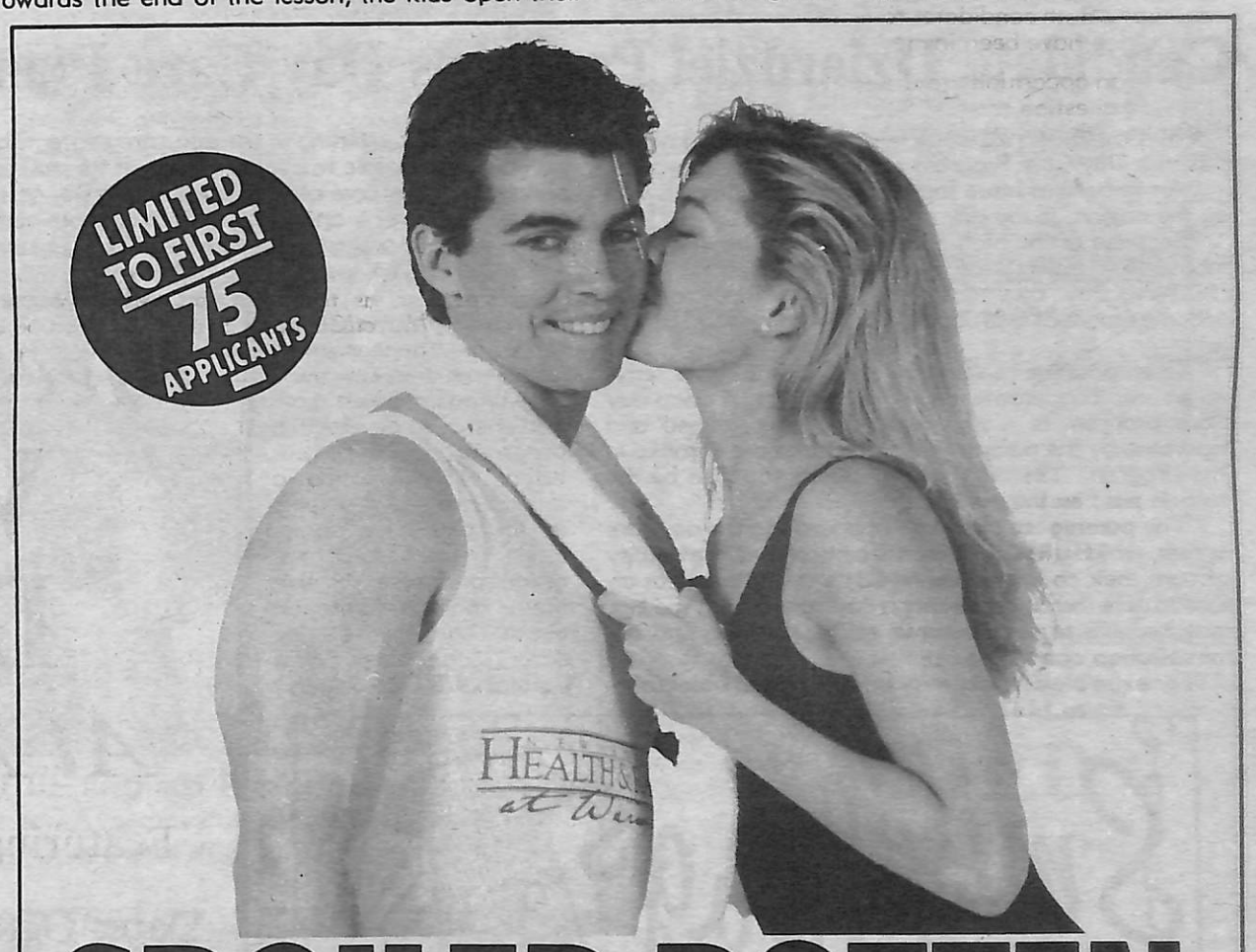

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Street Light Shutoff Going Very Well Says Johnson

by Christine Piesyk
Advertiser News Staff

Out with the old and in with the new. The city's "lighting improvement" plans are well underway, and with remarkably few complaints, according to City Hall.

With 300 lights already turned off in a Northeast Utilities overhaul of the city's street lighting system okayed by the city administrators, only 30 complaints have come in, and some of those were "multiple calls" about the same light.

"In some areas the wrong lights were turned off," explains Mayor Christopher Johnson. "There are a lot of numbers on the poles, used by all the different companies - cable, telephone, electric, and it's not always clear which number is the right one when it comes to a shut off."

In some cases crews have had to return to put a light back on. And in at least one case, a request was made to have a specific light removed.

Johnson adds that along the way, NU crews are replacing burned out streetlamps with the new bulbs, and adds that the difference "is incredible. The new lights are much, much brighter," says the Mayor.

NU will complete all shutoffs and replacements of burned-out lights within the next few weeks, and will wait until January before starting the replacement program, according to Johnson.

This will allow residents, utility officials, and local administrators to adjust to the new lighting system, and make sure the pattern is exactly what they envisioned.

Then, with a confirmed plan, replacement will begin. That move is expected to net as much as $300,000 a year in savings on municipal utility bills, according to Johnson's estimates.

City Notes "National EMT Week"

MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON presents Deputy Fire Chief David Pisano with a City Proclamation noting the recent "National EMT Week," September 17th-23rd. Looking on are Agawam EMT's Vin Pietroniro (left) and Steven Castelli. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Candidate Dziardziel Proposes Day Care Plan

City Council candidate Vivian Dziardziel today proposed a Day Care Program for the City of Agawam.

"An important issue facing this community, as well as the nation, is the day care crisis.

"Because of the high cost of living, more and more mothers are going back to work after the birth of their children. Day care costs ae skyrocketing, and it becomes more of a struggle for these families to afford it.

"One possible solution is to institute a city-sponsored cooperative day care program. A coop day care program is a non-profit day care owned and operated by the parents whose children are enrolled in the program. The day care costs are satisfied by the tuition paid by the parents.

"The parents are in charge of operating the day care center, which gives the parents control over the quality of care their children receive. Since the city cannot afford to give the city's parents a day care center, the city may be able to absorb some of the building and administration costs.

"For example, the city may be able to dedicate a portion of a public building to the day care center. The city may also be able to allocate some of its staff to administer the day care center. Since a coop day care program is non-profit, and if the city can absorb some of the cost of the program, the tuition will be substantially lower than the cost of private day care.

"In order for this idea to get off the ground, parents in the city must be willing to invest time and energy to develop the program. In the near future, I will set-up a meeting to see if parents in the city have an interest in this type of program, and also to give them more information about cooperative day care," concluded Mrs. Dziardziel.

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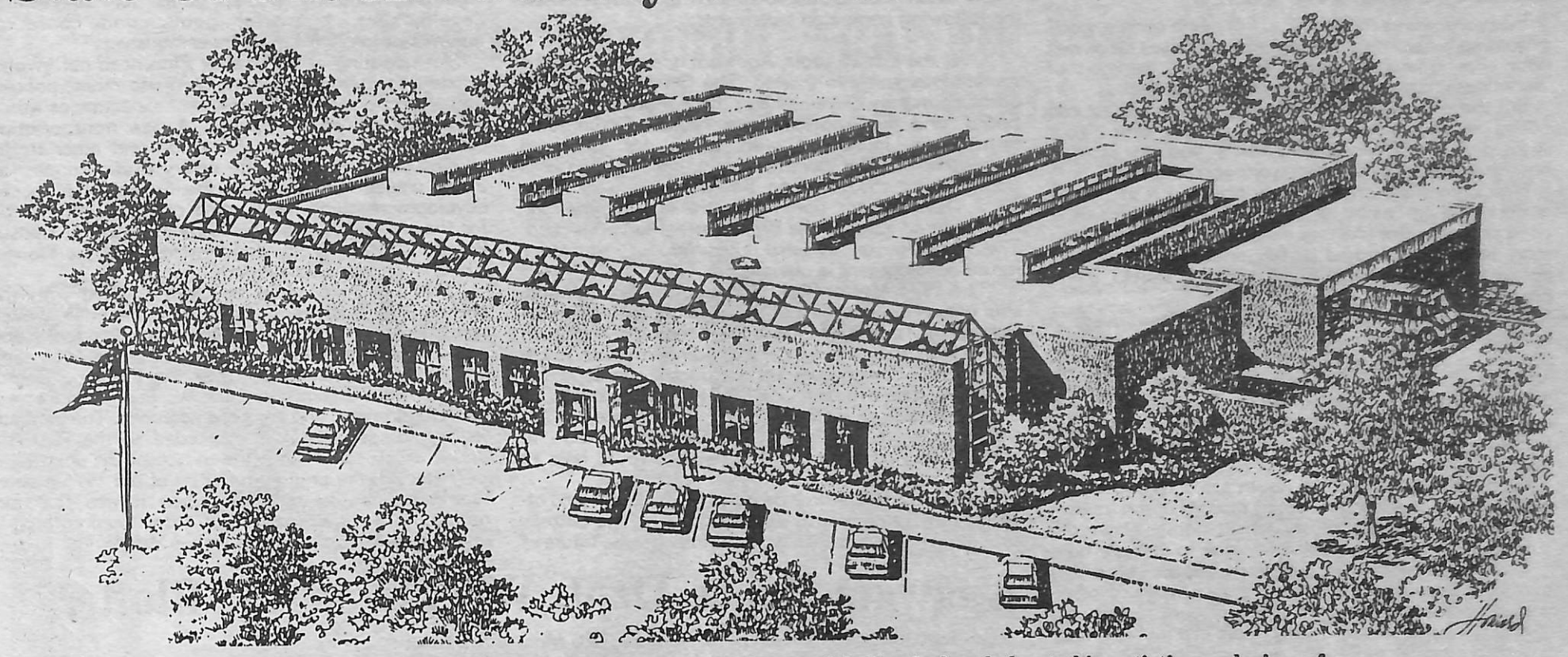
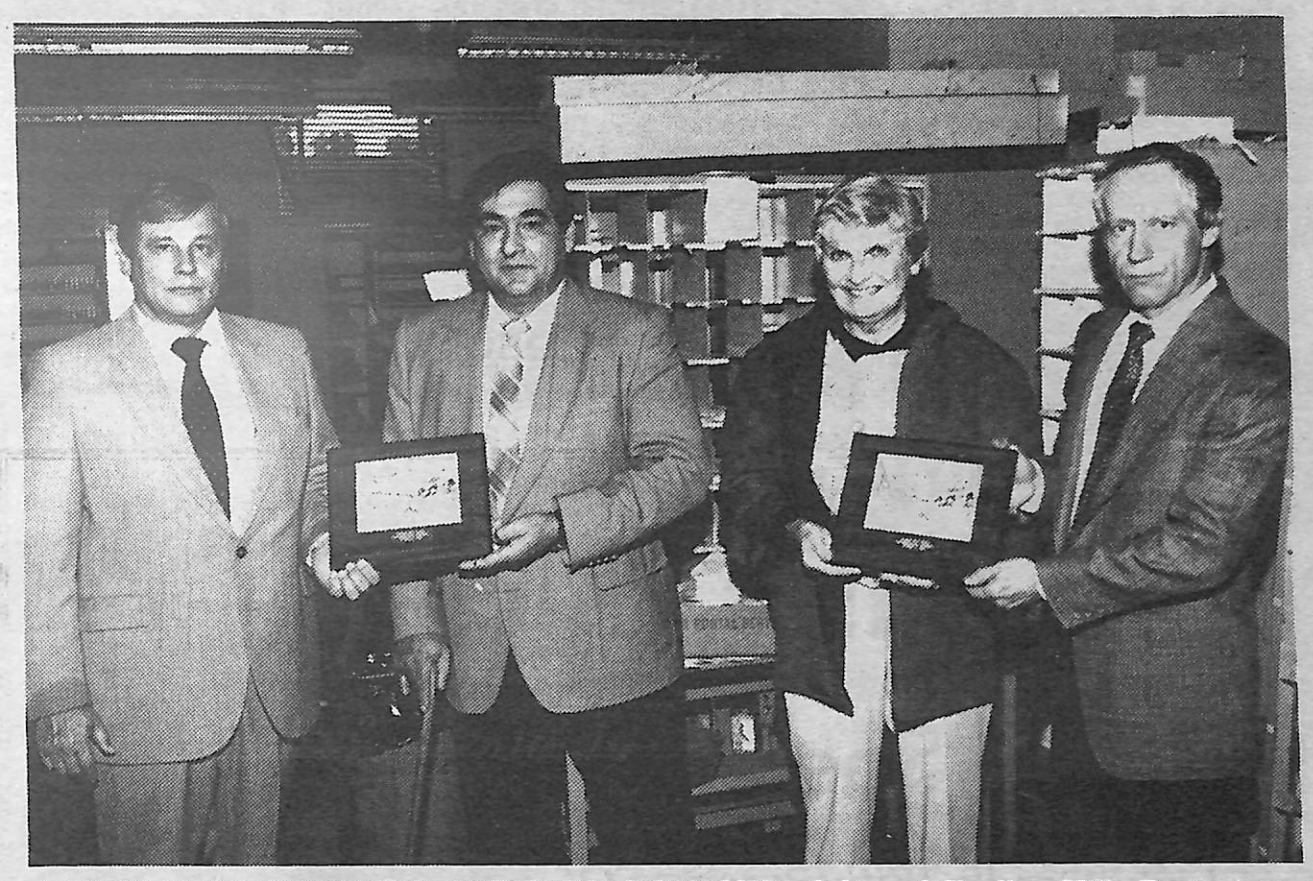


WESTERN MASSASCHUSETTS POSTMASTER Jon M. Steele handed-out this artist's rendering of the new Agawam Post Office at 610 Suffield Street during a brief groundbreaking ceremony on Monday, October 2nd. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM POSTMASTER BERNARD DONAHUE (left) and Feeding Hills Postmaster Walter Ciaschini (right) present plaques picturing the new Agawam Post Office to Agawam City Councilors Louis Russo and Jessie D. Fuller at the Agawam Post Office on Main Street. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

WESTERN MASS. POSTMASTER JON M. STEELE (right) proudly holds a plaque picturing an artist's rendering of the soon-to-be-built Agawam Post Office at 610 Suffield Street. Other Post Office officials pictured are, from left - Bernard Donahue, Agawam postmaster; Walter Ciaschini, Feeding Hills postmaster; and Joseph Dahdah, former Agawam/Feeding Hills postmaster. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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But the very things that help you look your best can cause serious burns and even serious fires. Your Agawam Fire Department wants you to have a beautiful day, but they also want you to be safe.

Hair dryers and styling appliances, such as heated curlers, styling combs, or curling irons can be safe if used properly. But like any electrical device, they can start fires if overheated or left unattended, and can cause serious electrical burns or fatal shocks if improperly used.

Because hair care equipment is often used in bathrooms near sinks and bathtubs, it is extremely important to be especially careful that the appliances do not come in contact with water. If one drops into water, **do not touch it** until you have shut off power at the circuit. Many new homes have special bathroom circuits that automatically trip the circuit breaker if this happens.

Even if the appliance was not in use or even plugged in when it was exposed to water, discard it and replace it. **Don't** "let it dry out" and use it again. Never dip curling irons or styling combs in water to dampen hair.

Even when rushing to get ready before going out, avoid the temptation to let curling irons warm-up while you do something else in another room. These appliances overheat very easily, can slip into contact with flammable materials, and can be too easily forgotten.

Find a "memory jogger" trick that will help you remember to **always** unplug such appliances before leaving the house. You don't want to come home to find the fire department has already been there!

Don't set hair dryers down while they're running. Their vibrations can cause them to fall, leading to a fire. And don't let the air vents get blocked while the dryer is operating. These vents must bring cool air into the motor to prevent overheating that can start a fire.

If an appliance does not seem to be working properly, discard it. If you detect an electrical burning odor, replace the appliance. Never poke hairpins or wire into openings in the equipment.

Even children are concerned about their appearance, but should use electrical beauty appliances only with supervision and help. Be sure every member of your family knows the rules for safe use of hair care appliances.

Mrs. Willis Wants Update Of Master Plan

City Council candidate Joanne Willis today released the following campaign statement:

"Over the last 30 years, Agawam has experienced a tremendous surge in growth. The Office of Planning and Community Development, the Agawam Planning Board, and the Agawam Conservation Commission have been inundated with plans for proposed developments. The last Master plan for Agawam was accepted by the Planning Board on January 17th, 1977. Development, both residential and commercial, has rendered much of the 1976 Master Plan outmoded. The need for an updated blueprint for Agawam's future development is obvious.

"The 1976 Master Plan expressed the interrelationship between all aspects of the physical and social environment. Today little vacant land remains, and much of it is located in areas having building limitations. Environmental damage and uncontrollable drainage problems must be avoided. One help to future planning is the proposed 'Cluster Zoning' Ordinance, which would increase residential lot size to one acre in agriculturally zoned areas and which would help to preserve open space.

"However, much more needs to be done. Elected officials must promote responsible growth. The citizens should give voice to their expectations for the future of Agawam. Housing goals, goals for commercial development, industrial goals, and conservation/recreation goals must be established.

"An updating of the Master Plan need not involve outside consultants. Current land use maps, population projections, school enrollment expectations would be compiled into the update. A new transportation plan utilizing the Route 57 study and other traffic studies would consider the heavy traffic congestion along present arterials and the impact of proposed development along these same arterials. Information for the update is available through the U.S. Census Bureau, state and city departments, and the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission.

"This updating could be accomplished with the creation of a citizens' advisory committee, which would not only gather data but also solicit public opinion on future planning. The committee would be comprised of representatives from the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, D.P.W., Parks and Recreation Department, and the general public. The committee's findings would be forwarded to the Planning Board which could then vote to accept the update.

"After all, the primary function of the 1976 Master Plan remains the same as when it was first formulated— the development of a community which is responsive to human needs," said Mrs. Willis.

Agawam Police Dept. Weekly Arrest Blotter

On September 26th, **Richard A. Alaimo,** 670 Main Street, Agawam, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Brian Connor and Richard Light, Jr.

On September 27th, **Stephen R. Larivee,** 2002 Chestnut Towers, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding State Police warrant. Arresting officers were Brian Connor and Donald Gallerani.

On September 28th, **Donald M. Bernard,** 651 McKinstry Avenue, Chicopee, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Sergeant Gary Nardi and Richard Light, Jr.

On September 28th, **Jose Otero,** 1162 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with operating without a license. Arresting officers were Mark Pfau and Gary O'Brien.

On September 29th, **Renaldo Dejesus,** 474 Liberty Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with an outstanding Agawam Police Department warrant. Arresting officers were Mark Poggi and Auxiliary Officer Bill Kushin.

On September 29th, **Thomas Lamountain,** 128 Parkview Drive, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol. Arresting officer was Gary O'Brien.

On September 29th, **Gregory O'Neil,** 1162 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, was arrested and charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol. Arresting officer was Gary O'Brien.

On September 29th, **Thomas P. Padden,** 34 Harvey Johnson Drive, Agawam, was arrested and charged with being a minor in possession of alcohol. Arresting officer was Gary O'Brien.

On September 30th, **James R. Poggie,** 561 Knoll Drive, Belchertown, was arrested and charged with operating after suspension. Arresting officer was Eric Camerlin.

On September 30th, **William E. O'Neil,** 36 Oakland Street, Springfield, was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. Arresting officers were Donald Gallerani and Ben Moore.

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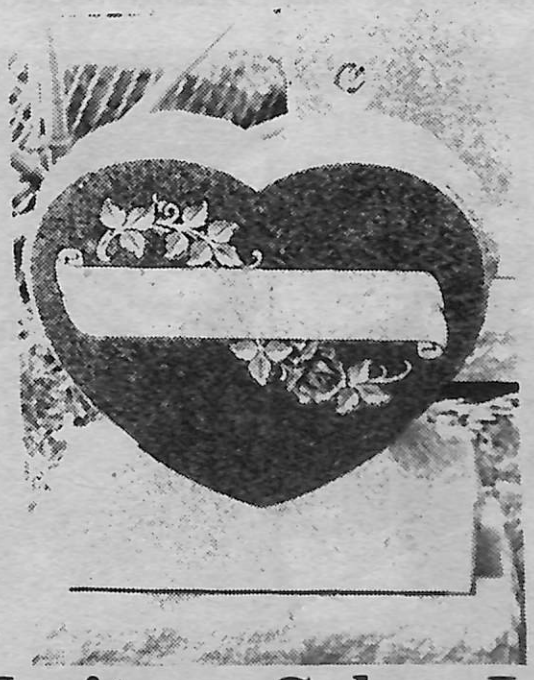

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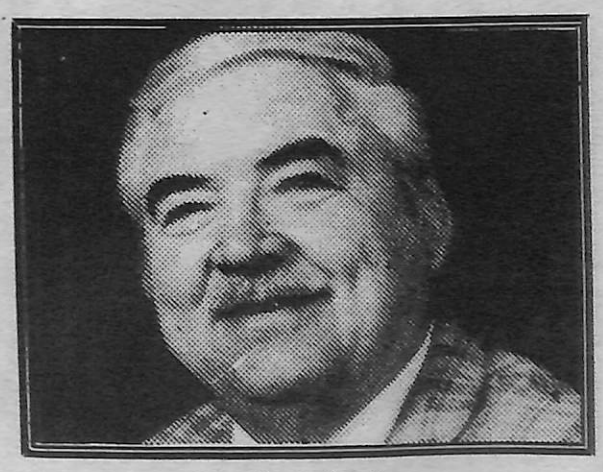

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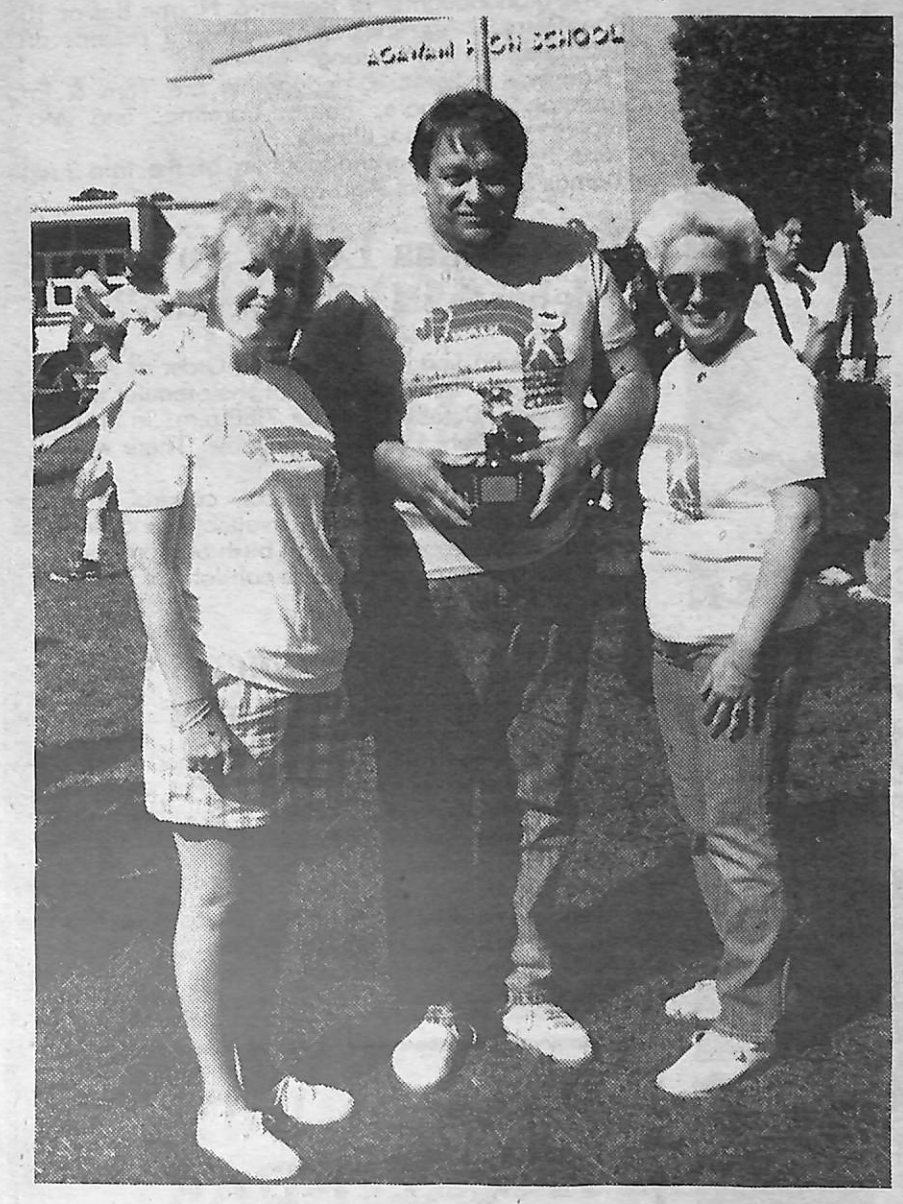
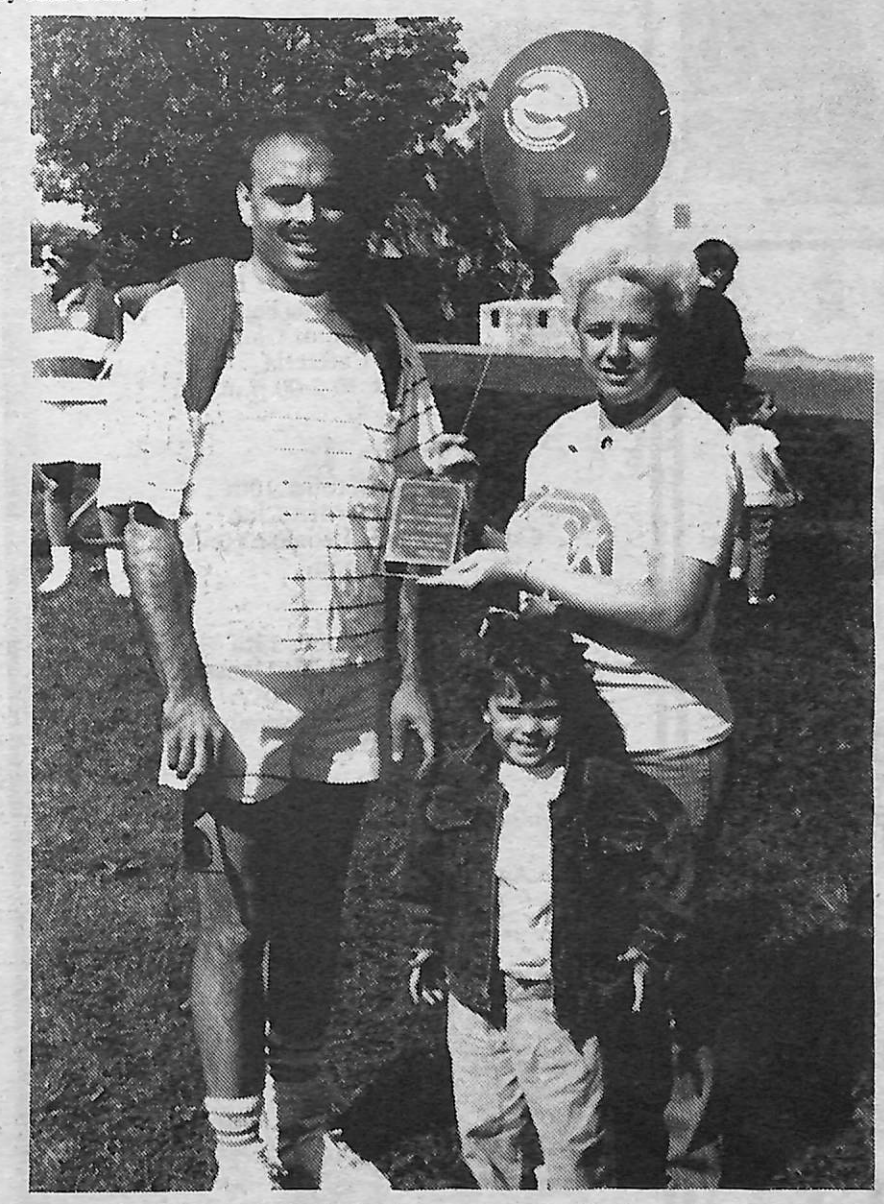


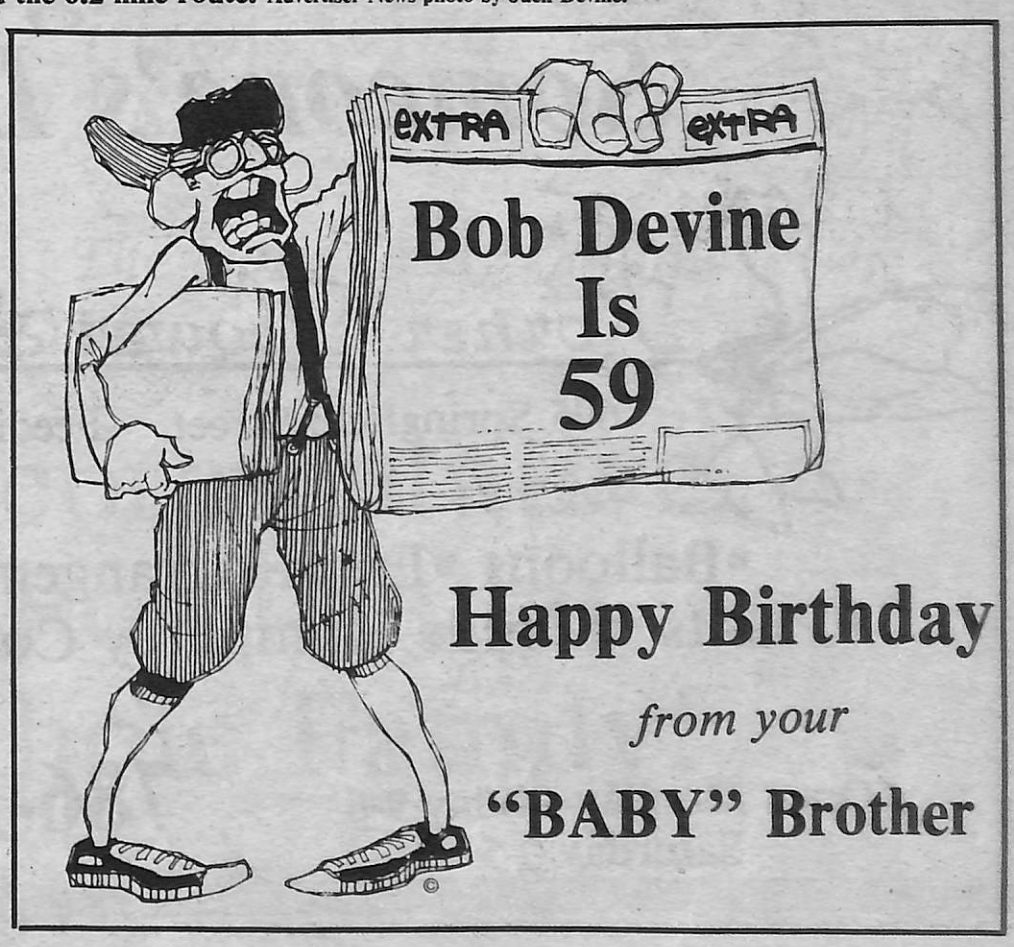
JUVENILE DIABETES FOUNDATION organizers Lucille Ancielle (left) and Joan Karam present Police Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski with a trophy for his dedicated service to JDF. The Chief served as this year's co-chairman once again. Advetiser News photo by Jack Devine.

THE FIRST OF SOME 200 walkers lead the way from the Agawam High School Courtyard to start the 6.2 mile walk through Agawam to raise money for Juvenile Diabetes Foundation of Western Mass. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

JDF ORGANIZERS Lucille Ancielle (center) and Joan Karam are pictured with Agawam officials, from left - Anthony Bonavita, former city solicitor; Donald Sorel, Agawam Lions Club; Michael P. Walsh, state rep.; Donald M. Rheault, City Council president; and Stanley J. Chmielewski, chief of police. The entire group walked the 6.2 mile route. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM ADVERTISER NEWS Publisher Ric Sardella is presented an award for dedicated service to Juvenile Diabetes in 1989 by JDF organizer Joan Karam. Looking on is his daughter, Kaitlin Sardella, 4. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



Feeding Hills Women Hold Bake Sale

MEMBERS OF THE FEEDING HILLS WOMEN'S CLUB held a Fall Bake Sale at the Springfield Street Ames Department Store on Saturday, September 30th. Club members who participated in the event included (first photo, from left) -Bernice Burton, Rita Matys, Marge Taylor, and Jennie Juzba. SECOND PHOTO - Bernice Evans, Mary Rachek, and Peg LaFountaine. The pumpkin bread was delicious! Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Mark & Sue Stapleton Announce Birth Of Daughter

Mark & Sue Stapleton of Windsor, Connecticut, announce the birth of their daughter, Katelyn Nicole.

Katelyn arrived on June 3rd, at 7:16 a.m., at Mount Sinai Hospital, Hartford.

The granddaughter of Robert & Norma Baj of 108 Moore Street, Agawam, she weighed 7 pounds and measured 20½ inches long.

Katelyn's paternal grandparents are Tom & Ena Stapleton of Moore, South Carolina, and Mary Stapleton of Chicago, Illinois.

She is the great-granddaughter of the late Judge Thomas Stapleton of Agawam.

Brage-Iduna Lodge To Celebrate "Leif Eriksson"

Brage-Iduna Lodge No. 9, Vasa Order of America, will celebrate "Leif Eriksson" at their regular meeting on Tuesday, October 10th, at 7:30 p.m., in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, East Longmeadow. There will also be initiation of new members.

Brage-Iduna is a non-political, cultural fraternal organization. Membership is available to anyone of Scandinavian descent, through birth or marriage.

For more information, please call John or Margareta Sjoberg, 739-5775.

Feeding Hills Women's Club Hosts Pot Luck Supper

The Feeding Hills Women's Club had a most enjoyable evening on October 4th—a Pot Luck Supper. President Virginia Lake had the following committee: co-chairwomen were Florence Blish and Elise Bradway. Hostesses included Mary Davis, Mary Draghetti, and Wanda Walz.

Deborah Fountain of Channel 40 was guest speaker. Her topic was "Women in the Media."

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Sunday, October 8th
"World Lions Service Day"
Annual Health Fair
Agawam Lions Club
AHS Cafeteria
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 10th
Agawam Garden Club
Captain Charles Leonard House
7:30 p.m.

Friday, October 13th
2nd Annual "Oldies Dance"
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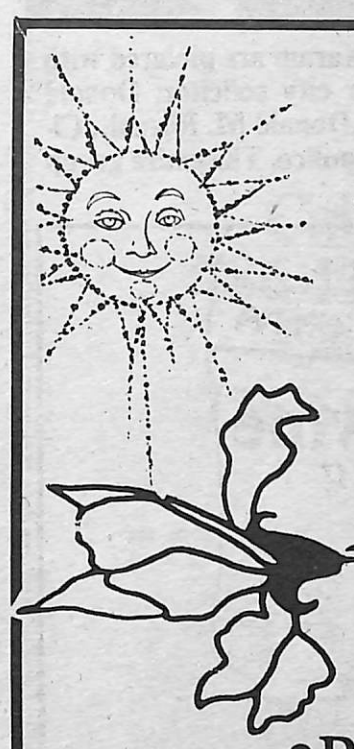

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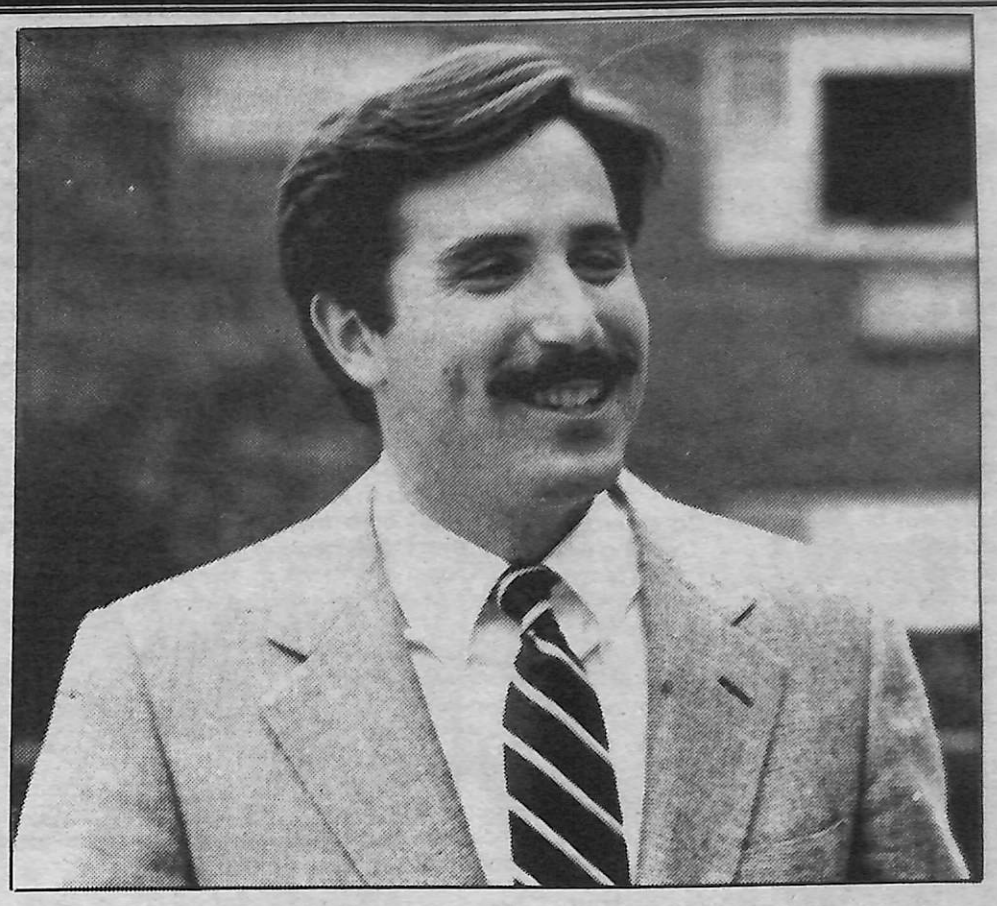

Mike Walsh Macaroni Dinner

Wednesday, October 18th

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Tickets On Sale For AHS Class Of '74 Bash

Tickets are now on sale for the Agawam High School Class of 1974's big 15-year reunion, slated for Saturday night, November 25th, at Sheraton-West, Riverdale Road, West Springfield.

Tickets are $30 per person. The main course will be a choice of prime rib of beef or chicken cordon bleu. Invitations have been sent out to classmates by the Reunion Committee. Tickets can be obtained by sending a check, made-out to the Agawam High Class of 1974, to either **Donna Lund Bordurtha, 498 Franklin Street Extension, Agawam, MA, 01001**, or to **Carol Moran Forgues, 1430 Russell Road, Westfield, MA, 01085.**

Ticket deadline is Friday, November 3rd. Your ticket will be held at the door.

The cocktail hour will be held in the Courtyard at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. Dancing will be to the tunes of disc jockey "J.J." Also, MBS Video Taping of Feeding Hills have been hired to tape the entire proceedings.

There will be door prizes galore.

The following is a list of "lost classmates." The Reunion Committee would appreciate any information on the following "lost classmates":

Linda Oliver, Linda Gerrish, Janet Raymond, Doreen Desantis, Richard Simmonds, John Martino, Stephen Gould, Robert Tetreault, Suzanne LaPlante, Roger Schmidt, Dave Lefebvre, Dave Carey, Robin Arthur, Donna Bailey, Steve Bailey, Denise Boissoneault, Paul Fontaine, Laura Chagnon, Mark Bierchied, Dave Ciema, Chris Hamel, Barbara Gallup, Joel Cummings, Denna Grant, Scott Harris, Dennis Malley, Jim Beautelli, Dave Greco, Thea Martinelli, Cynthia Houle, and Ray Rivers.

Also, Richard Scafuri, Frank Convertino, Linda Griggs, Bruce Buckingham, Gayle Prentice, Kevin Powers, Scott Murawski, Tony Mower, George Seymour, Dan Sheen, Elsie Sweet, Tony Wing, Val Nichols, Maureen O'Connor, Andrea Miodonka, Susan Parent, Mike Parent, Greg Wright, Nancy Zucco, Jean Skiba, Hernan Ulloa, John Sanders, Peter Larimi, Marie West, Jean Skiba, Julie McCafferey, James Lynch, Mike Vinesett, Robert Rennell, David Gumlaw, Valerie Maynard, Edward Hope.

Please contact the following committee members if you have any information on these above classmates: Donna Lund Bodurtha (786-4351), Diane Sweeney Graveline (786-5540), Carol Moran Forgues (568-3687), Laura Kibbe Moran (786-3370), Sheryl Hadden Fleming (786-7578), or Ric Sardella (789-2005, evenings - 786-8137 - days, *Agawam Advertiser News*).

Other committee members include Jan Cassanelli, Mike Bodurtha, Laurel Meissner Laurino, and Mike Walsh.

Genesis Life Center Has Three-Part Meditation Course

The Genesis Spiritual Life Center will offer a three-part meditation course, "Pathways to Inner Peace," starting Tuesday, October 17th, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The course will provide instruction in meditation for the purpose of reducing stress and enhancing personal and spiritual growth. Attention will also be given to understanding the meditation process and how it works.

Shirley G. Rodgers, the instructor, said she will offer "an approach to meditation that operates on the three levels of mind, body, and spirit. The objective of the course is to help us lead calmer, healthier, and more peaceful lives."

Rodgers is a personal growth educator and a certified MLD therapist. She is the originator of "Pathways to Inner Peace" workshops, which employ a spiritual and multi-dimensional approach to self-discovery and healing.

A past-president of the Westfield Woman's Club, Rodgers has been active in many local civic organizations.

The Genesis Spiritual Life Center designs and sponsors workshops, retreats, courses, and lectures. The non-profit Center, which welcomes people of all faiths, is owned and operated by the Sisters of Providence and is a member of Providence Systems.

Following the first session on October 17th, the course will meet on October 24th and 31st. The all-inclusive fee is $35. To register, or for more information, call Genesis, 562-3627.

Rosary Altar Society Schedules First Meeting For Oct. 10th

The Rosary Altar Society of Sacred Heart Church will have its first meeting of the season on Tuesday, October 10th, at the Parish Center.

The "first" for the society is to have Pastor Reverend David Joyce, spiritual advisor, and his uncle, Reverend George Joyce, as speakers.

The evening will start with the Living Rosary led by Mary Malachowski. The hostesses for the evening are Nancy Doucette, Jennie Juzba, Dolly Morassi, Mary Spinelli, and Mary Davis. Julia Zajchowski is the president.

Don't miss this event. Guests are welcome.

Agawam Senior Center Lunch Menu

Monday, October 9th: Senior Center Closed.

Tuesday, October 10th: Baked chicken, potato, vegetable, dessert.

Wednesday, October 11th: Swedish meatballs, noodles, vegetable, dessert.

Thursday, October 12th: Roast turkey, cranberry sauce, potato, vegetable, dessert.

Friday, October 13th: Clam chowder, tuna salad, croissant, vegetable, dessert.

Agawam Junior Women To Hold Fashion Show

On Sunday, October 29th, the Agawam Junior Women's Club, member of GFWC, will hold their Annual Fashion Show at the Colosseum Banquet House, Memorial Avenue, West Springfield.

This year's "Fashion Fantasy" will be featuring Cinderella's Closet.

A luncheon at 12:00 noon will start off the affair. There will be door prizes and a raffle. Tickets are available from members of the Agawam Junior Women's Club at a donation of $12 or by contacting Rhonda, 786-1198.

Ag. Congregational Church Has Video Tape Program

At Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, Allen Runshaw will give a video presentation of Heifer Project International at the church school this Sunday, October 8th.

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AHS Class Of 1949 Arrives For Big 40th

THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1949 celebrated its 40th Class Reunion on Saturday, September 23rd. See related pictures on Page 16. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Class Of '49 Celebrates In Style For 40th

REUNION COMMITTEE MEMBERS for the Agawam High School Class of 1949. Back row, from left - Richie Daglio, Bob Castelli, Josephine Green Paige, Clair Borgatti Flaro, and Fred Demers. Front row - Dot Taddia Fitzgerald, Tessie Paro Losito, Alice Craigie Demarais, and Emmy Sadak Harbey. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AGAWAM HIGH CLASS Of 1949 members who traveled the furtherest to return for their 40th class reunion included, from left - Winston Sharples (Virginia), Lee Baldarelli (North Carolina), Irene O'Connor (Missouri), and Gordon Clarke (California). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

OFFICE CLOSED: Due to the Columbus Day Holiday, our office will be closed at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 6th, and ALL DAY on Monday, October 9th, Columbus Day. You may slide your items under our door all day on Saturday. Thanks.

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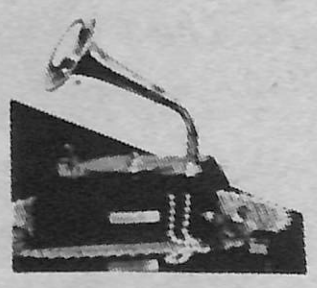

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Local Historians

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: In the first of a three-part series, local historians Marilyn & Dick Curry explore how the euphoria with the Devil and witchcraft in the 1600's affected New England and eventually the Agawam-Springfield Plantation. In Part I, the Currys provide background on the subject.

The Devil To Pay In Springfield (Agawam) Plantation

In the now widely acclaimed book *Agawam, Massachusetts, A Town History,* author Edith LaFrancis devotes two brief but nonetheless interesting paragraphs to a rather foreboding episode that occurred during the early days of Agawam/Springfield Plantation.

Without doubt, the casual reader probably passed over this particular account of a dark moment in the development of the Agawam/Springfield plantation.

However, the event most certainly did take place and is now a matter of recorded history.

Of course the incident to which we refer may very well ruffle the feathers of the realist; but the fact remains, that throughout the history of civilization, right down to the present day, the threat of the "Evil One" is as ancient as the Holy Book itself!

By now, the reader must have concluded that this article relates to "Old Scratch" himself (Satan) within the confines of our community.

Years before the now famous Salem Witchcraft Trials (1692), the colonies of Massachusetts and Connecticut had witnessed some semblance of the terrible presence of the Prince of Darkness into the virgin lands of Western Massachusetts and her sister colony of Connecticut.

Although our personal run-ins with Old Scratch may have been sparse and less numerous, they still remain among the earliest of records dealing with our forefathers' encounters with the Evil One.

Reference To His Presence

In an effort to confirm the reality of a true belief in the powers of Satan, we have offered a number of excerpts taken from authorities of an earlier time down to the present.

In no way do we wish to pass judgement on the presence of the Devil in this modern day of the nuclear age.

Yet, the following information might prove interesting to our readers.

Whether one believes or disbelieves in the ensuing story is immaterial; the historical fact of the matter rests in the actuality of history as it pertains to the early annals of our forefathers, here or abroad. If nothing else, the story might serve those parents who must every year find some means of costuming their offspring, come Halloween, in a manner more befitting their local heritage.

In John Ashton's text, *The Devil In Britain And America,* (1972), the author relates: *"The belief in good and evil influence has existed from the earliest ages, in every nation having a religion...Christianity especially teaches this: 'Enter ye by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many be they that enter in thereby.*

'For narrow is the gate, and straightened the way, that leadeth unto life, and few be they found that find it."

Ashton further relates to how the Devil could show himself to man (found in the following excerpt): "...conviction was from the Bible, which of course, was taken as the Word of God, and, on that, the old writers based all their proof."

Without doubt, Ashton's theory was well-founded in historical documentation of the Middle Ages, or earlier. Our forefathers were convinced in the powers and destructive elements of a force outside that of Divine Providence.

Accordingly, our ancestors who first arrived upon the shores of this distant land had been completely convinced in the evils of the Devil! This being the case, it is small wonder that the first arrivals from Europe to New England were firmly convinced that danger in all manner must be lurking within the darkened forests of this virginal New World.

A Word On Cotton Mather

It is not surprising then to learn that towards the close of the 17th century in Massachusetts, such prominent and scholarly individuals as the Reverend Cotton Mather, son of Harvard President Increase Mather, both of whom were born in Massachusetts, became thoroughly convinced that Satan had commenced his evil work in Salem and in other towns in Massachusetts during the mid 1600's.

As pastor of Boston's North Church in the late 1600's,...Mather became an opponent of Satan and was most active during the Salem witchcraft trials of 1692.

Among his written works, Cotton Mather's treatise on witchcraft remains a scarce and valuable contribution of those events. It exemplifies the Puritan fear that Satan had indeed made a grand entrance into the very extremities and focal point of the Massachusetts Bay Colony during the 1600's.

In a re-issue of this documentary, entitled *Wonders of the Invisible World,* an excerpt from the treatise truly describes Mather's conviction in witchcraft:

"The great Boston minister Cotton Mather literally believed, in 1692, that the Devil was fighting to get converts in Salem and other Massachusetts towns, as a desperate means to save his empire in the New World from Christianity."

Mather also believed the fantastic testimony of the witch accusers which he recounts in *Cotton Mather On Witchcraft* (Wonders of the Invisible World), reprinted by Bell Publishing Company, New York, (date of publication unknown).

More Contemporary Interpretations Of Witchcraft In Massachusetts

There can be no doubt in our mind that many scholarly and extremely religious individuals were intent on the activities of Satan down through the ages...indeed to the very present day!

There are those who say "As The Twig Is Bent, So Grows The Tree" (and with very good reason). Afterall, our youth are nothing more than a product of the environment...the adults who nurture them into the growth of their years to come.

When one considers the truth of the matter, to what purpose does an unattended garden serve but to fall victim to the everpresent growth and final takeover of weeds? Should the cultivated plant seek to survive when it lacks the necessary sunlight, the fertile soil, or the proper rainfall so necessary to its proper fulfillment?

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JANE A. CARPENTER & CHRIS HOAGUE

Jane A. Carpenter To Wed Mr. Hoague

Mr. & Mrs. James E. Hoague of 74 Springfield Street, Agawam, are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Chris Robert Tremelle Hoague, to Jane Agnes Carpenter, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George E. Young of 16 Squawfield Road, Westfield.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Westfield High School, and is currently employed in the secretarial and computer field.

Her fiance specializes in the machinist and construction field.

The wedding is planned for Valentine's Day, February 14th, 1990.

Agawam Junior Women Looking For New Members

Are you over 18 years of age? Are you looking for a way to become more involved in your community and have fun, too? Come to the Agawam Public Library, Wednesday, October 25th, at 7:00 p.m., and see what the Agawam Junior Women's Club is all about.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a non-profit civic group. They have many worthwhile projects during the year. Some projects are the Arts and Crafts Festival, a fashion show, and Clearing House for families in need.

Please join us at the informational coffee hour. Members of the club will be on hand to answer questions and explain what the club is all about. If you would like more information, you may also contact Ann, 786-1675.

Mass. Citizens For Life Slates Meeting October 12th

The Agawam Chapter of the Massachusetts Citizens For Life will hold their monthly meeting Thursday, October 12th, at 7:00 p.m., in the St. John's Social Center, 833 Main Street, Agawam.

Paul Andersen, president, invites all who are interested in the Right to Life program or who would like to know more about the program, to attend.

THE DEVIL - From Page 17...

In her excellent text, *The Devil in Massachusetts*, (1949), Marion L. Starkey offers a version of the "bigotry and self-righteousness" surrounding the "fantasies and hysterical antics of unbalanced teenagers, who sent 20 decent men and women to the gallows."

Although the book is based upon the contents of the Salem trials, it does exemplify a further insight into the facts that truly concluded in a very real fear that extended throughout the early years of our colonial period.

Perhaps, the most significant words of this text may be found in the final paragraph: **"Moral seasons come and go. Late in the 19th century, when it was much the fashion to memorialize the witchcraft delusion, honest men discussed it with wondering pity as something wholly gone from the world and no longer quite comprehensible.**

"But, such condescension is not for the 20th century. Heaven forgive us, "demoniac possession" is still with us still, even if the label is different; mass mania and bloodshed on a scale that the judges of old Salem would find incredible (in the 20th century)."

Baby Boom Comes To Liswell Drive

Within 13 days, Liswell Drive welcomed three new babies to the neighborhood!

Kassandra Marie White was born on August 25th. Kayce's proud parents are Larry and & Kathy White.

Kaitlynn Nicole Hoage was born on September 4th. Katie's proud parents are John & Patty Hoage.

Timothy John Mickiewicz was born on September 7th. Timmy's proud parents are Ray & Sherri Mickiewicz.

Mittineague Congregational To Hold Fall Rummage Sale

The Women's Guild of the Mittineague Congregational Church will hold their Fall Rummage Sale, Friday, October 13th, at 1840 Westfield Street, West Springfield. The sale will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., in Charles King Fellowship Hall of the church.

Offered for sale: clothing for the whole family, household items, bric-a-brac, toys, games, books, shoes, boots, linens, something for everyone.

Melissa Bower Bride Of David C. Heyman

David C. Heyman and Melissa Bower were united in marriage on Thursday, September 21st.

The groom is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Drew Heyman of Agawam.

He is a 1987 graduate of Agawam High School, and is presently a radioman and Third Class Petty Officer in the U.S. Navy. He is stationed in San Diego, California, aboard the U.S.S. Denver.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Alan Bower of West Springfield. She is a 1987 graduate of West Springfield High School, and a former employee of Friendly Ice Cream, Inc.

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Spotlight On Business

Luthgren Promoted To Sr. V.P. At NESS

Warren Luthgren of Longmeadow has been promoted to senior vice president and general manager of New England School Supply, Agawam, a division of Chaselle, Inc., Columbia, Maryland. He has been vice president of Operations since 1984 when he retired from the Milton Bradley Company where he was also president and chairman of the board of the Embeco Credit Union for 27 years.

Active in community affairs, he is the current past president of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce, has been a senior warden of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Longmeadow, for the past 15 years, and is an Eucharistic Minister for the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts. A 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, he is a member of the director's staff of Melha Shrine Temple.

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West Bank Slates Free Homebuyers' Seminar

Park West Bank and Trust Company will hold a free seminar for potential homebuyers on October 11th, at 7:00 p.m., at the Carriage House, located at Storrowton Village, West Springfield. The program will cover such subjects as how to begin looking for a home, what is an affordable price range, how to find financing and what happens at the "closing."

The seminar is specifically designed for first-time homebuyers but may also be of interest to second time homebuyers, or people who bought their first home 15 or 20 years ago.

"For most people buying a home is the biggest investment they'll ever make," said Donald R. Chase, Westbank president and chief executive officer. "And in today's market people need to know where they can go for help. Our program will provide reassurance and assistance to future homeowners."

Included in the seminar will be a slide presentation, a panel discussion and a question and answer period. The panel will be comprised of experts in the fields of real estate, real estate law, and home finance.

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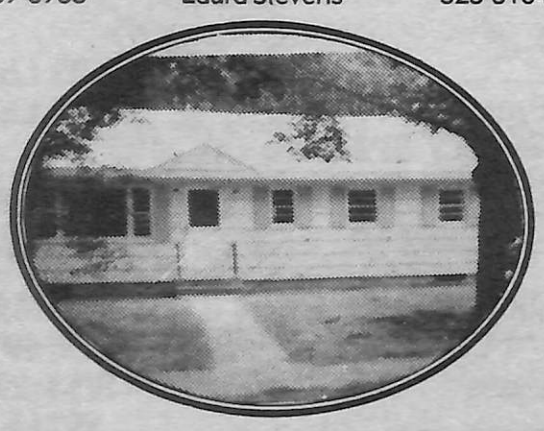

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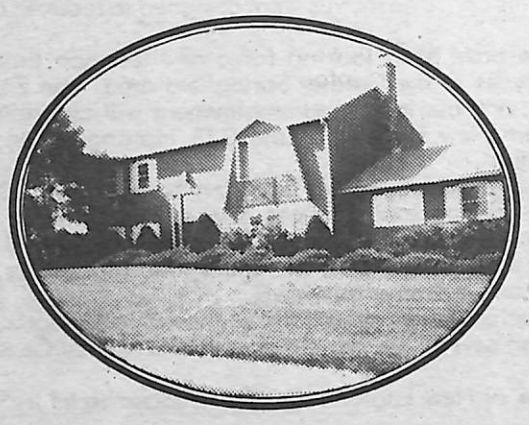

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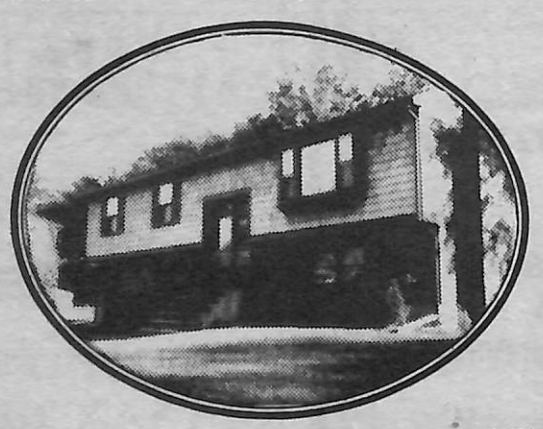

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Spotlight On Business - continued...

Big E Recognizes Campbell

CHARLIE CAMPBELL of Agawam, owner of C.O. Campbell Company (left), receives a Friend of The Big E plaque from Eastern States Exposition President George Jones during the Board of Trustees' Annual Meeting on September 23rd. Campbell was honored for over 30 years of devoted service to the fair.

Bank Of New England To Open New Facility In Enfield

Bank of New England Corporation, parent of Bank of New England-West, announced today that it will open a new facility in Enfield, Connecticut, which will employ approximately 500 people when fully staffed. The new facility is scheduled to open during the first quarter of 1990.

The Enfield site has been chosen for the bank's Consumer Credit business, company-wide. Several functions will be moved from other states to form a central business unit. The moves were designed to reduce costs and improve customer service.

"We have been looking for a new location that would be convenient to our employees in the Greater Springfield area. The Enfield location will meet those needs, and our increased employment will contribute to the economic growth of Western New England," said C.D. Harrington, Jr., Bank of New England-West president.

The Enfield facility is a four-story building with 100,000 square feet of available mixed-use space. Employees at the site will range from Consumer Credit senior managers to clerical support personnel. The Enfield staff will perform several Consumer Credit functions, including loan processing, underwriting, collection services, and customer service.

Additional employees will be moved to Monarch Place. The bank is also considering several Springfield sites for its Money Center, which employs 30-40 people.

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By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald LaRiviere, Chairman

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Spotlight On Business - continued...

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Despite downpours and drizzle, and the threat of hurricane "Hugo", 800,902 fairgoers came through The Big E gates. With the 10 days of rain, a record number of Big E rain ponchos were sold—five tons in all.

Fairgoers who braved the rain were treated to a myriad of events and activities, including top-notch entertainment, agricultural exhibits, crafts, midway rides and much, much more.

Eastern States Exposition trustees, during their annual meeting held September 23rd at the West Springfield fairgrounds, elected William A. Franks, Jr. of Enfield, Connecticut, as chairman of the board and George W. Jones of Wilbraham as president. Franks served previously as the president of Eastern States Exposition and Jones as executive vice president.

Named as executive vice president of the Exposition was Wayne McCary of Longmeadow, who was formerly senior vice president of the Exposition. Twenty new trustees from throughout New England were elected.

An added attraction to the 68th edition of the fair included The Big E Circus Under the Big Top, sponsored by Coca-Cola. Award-winning Royal Hanneford Elephants, directed by Mark Karoly, Wilson's Performing Sea Lions, trapeze artists, clowns and more performed under a 150 foot tent.

A new 40,000 square foot agricultural complex was utilized to house sheep, goats, and swine. The complex was designed to allow fairgoers a convenient and pleasant opportunity to observe livestock competitions while keeping away from animal traffic.

The Big E Horse Show expanded its usual five-day run to 10 days allowing for new classes and competions.

Fairgoers toured New England as they wandered through the Avenue of States where buildings representing each New England state displayed the agriculture, industry, recreational activities and other characteristics unique to the state. They took a step back in time as they toured historic Storrowton Village, and were thrilled by the automotive stunts of Joie Chitwood's Thrill Show, sponsored by Budweiser, as well as the feats of Kurt Thomas' Gymnastics America Show, sponsored by Coors and the antics of Robinson's Racing Pigs.

At the Miller High Life Bandshell, crowds huddled under umbrellas to catch the musical talents of country stars Tanya Tucker, The McCarters, Jim Ed Brown and Helen Cornelius, the "Twist King" Chubby Checker, Myron Floren and His Orchestra, and the Four Preps who crooned the golden oldies. The scene was much the same at Milk's Music Caravan sponsored by Milk Promotion Service where Canyon and Atchafalaya performed throughout the 12-days of the fair.

For nourishment, fairgoers had an extensive and varied menu from which to choose. There was the traditional—fried dough, cotton candy, and popcorn; the unusual—fried mushrooms, sweet potato fries, and appelflappen; and old favorites—Rhode Island building's clam cakes, hot apple pie, and baked potatoes.

Consumed throughout the 12 days of the fair was a ton of chicken which was served up by the Agawam Lions Club, about 136,000 slices of hot apple pie cut-up in the Vermont Building, and more than 48,000 potatoes baked and seasoned with a variety of garnishes in the Maine Building. In addition to those staggering figures, 10,000 pounds of sugar, 6,000 pounds of flour, 5,000 pounds of strawberries and equally large quantities of other consumables were used during the fair's 12-day run.

For die-hard shoppers, there were craft, gadget, and novelty booths lining the streets of The Big E and filling the Better Living Center.

In the true tradition of country fairs, The Big E, "New England's Great State Fair," hosted 4-H, FFA (Future Farmers of America) and regional livestock competitions. The New England Grange Building featured a highly competitive canning competition, and Clorets sponsored the second annual Big E Chili Cook-off.

Over the next two weeks, 26 Big E employees will work to pack approximately 37,865 trash bags with more than 4,200 cubic yards, or 550 tons of trash.

In a very short time, Exposition staffers will begin plans for the 69th edition of "New England's Great State Fair" September 12th through 23rd, 1990.

MICHAEL J. WILLIAMSON

Chamber Of Commerce Appoints Williamson

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the appointment of Michael J. Williamson as Vice President of Affiliate Chambers and Operations.

A native of Ludlow, Williamson returns to the area from Brockton, Massachusetts, where he served as vice-president of the Metro South Chamber of Commerce. Prior to that position he also served as field manager for the American Heart Association, director of Community Development for the American Red Cross, school/business partnerships, and a variety of volunteer positions.

With the Greater Springfield Chamber, his duties will include coordinating the Chambers of Agawam, Ludlow, East Longmeadow, and West Springfield and working with numerous volunteers, elected officials, and community-based organizations.

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October 8, 1989

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Heritage Hall News, Notes, & Events

RESIDENT OF THE WEEK
Aline I. DeRaleau

Aline was born in 1898 in Holyoke, the daughter of Arthur & Georgianne Adams. She is the sole survivor of four children, two brothers and one sister. Aline was educated in the Holyoke school system, and then worked in an industrial plant until she married Charles Z. DeRaleau of West Springfield, deceased. Aline has three children, Paul, Aline, and Roger, all of whom reside in West Springfield.

Aline has three grandchildren, two granddaughters, Diane, a nurse and employee of Heritage Hall, and Pauline, and a grandson, Steven. She also has seven great-grandchildren, four boys and three girls.

Aline is an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox and Boston Celtics, and continues to follow them to this day. She also enjoys playing a good game of cards, especially pinochle, which she plays with her son, Paul, on many of his visitations to the home. She also enjoys chiding, in jest, her daughter, Aline, for the things she has forgotten to do or bring, and continues to talk to her son, Roger, of fond memories of her home.

She is a grand person with a lot of personal pride and love, and respects those around her dearly, especially those who administer to her daily.

I Remember
In My Travels
by Mildred Chittim

"My interest was in the people of the countries that I visited and their lifestyles.

"To do this, my first stop would be the YWCA. Each one had an English speaking person, who could direct me about the city and to citizens who spoke some English.

"I made a point of visiting the churches and found the same courtesy there. By speaking with the parishioners, I was able to learn so much more than I would have otherwise.

"When shopping, merchants preferred that I exchange currency at the banks. I found the shopkeepers to be very honest, not pushy, and satisfied with every sale they made. Because of my height, shopkeepers would ask, 'Can you go into a store and buy a dress off the rack?'

"During my conversation with the English speaking citizens in various countries, I found that I was a source of information to them about my country. 'Are teachers held in respect?' 'Do they have a voice in politics?' 'Are they well paid?' 'In your educational system, how is discipline enforced?'

"About themselves they asked: 'Did I notice a difference in the peoples from country to country?' 'How did I view the average citizen.' 'Did I find them happy, concerned, conscientious, well-educated?' I was able, even in my limited acquaintance, to notice the raised standard of education of the average citizen from one generation to the next.

"To answer the question, 'Are people different,' the answer is 'No, I found the human race to be consistently GOOD!'"

ALINE I. DERALEAU
"Resident Of The Week"

Gardening At Heritage Hall

Gardening is a favorite hobby of many of our Heritage Hall-South residents.

The gardens provide space which is easy to reach for planting and weeding.

The residents grew eggplant, tomatoes, peppers, broccoli, cucumbers, and lettuce. Many items were used in our cooking class. Most of all, the residents enjoyed working outside in the sunshine!

A HERITAGE HALL RESIDENT tends her garden as a hobby outside the South Building.

LEGAL NOTICE **LEGAL NOTICE**

TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1989 at 8:00 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of GARY ROBERTS who is seeking a Special Use Permit in accordance with Section 20-11 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow him to conduct a Dog Grooming Business at the premises identified as 25 PARK STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
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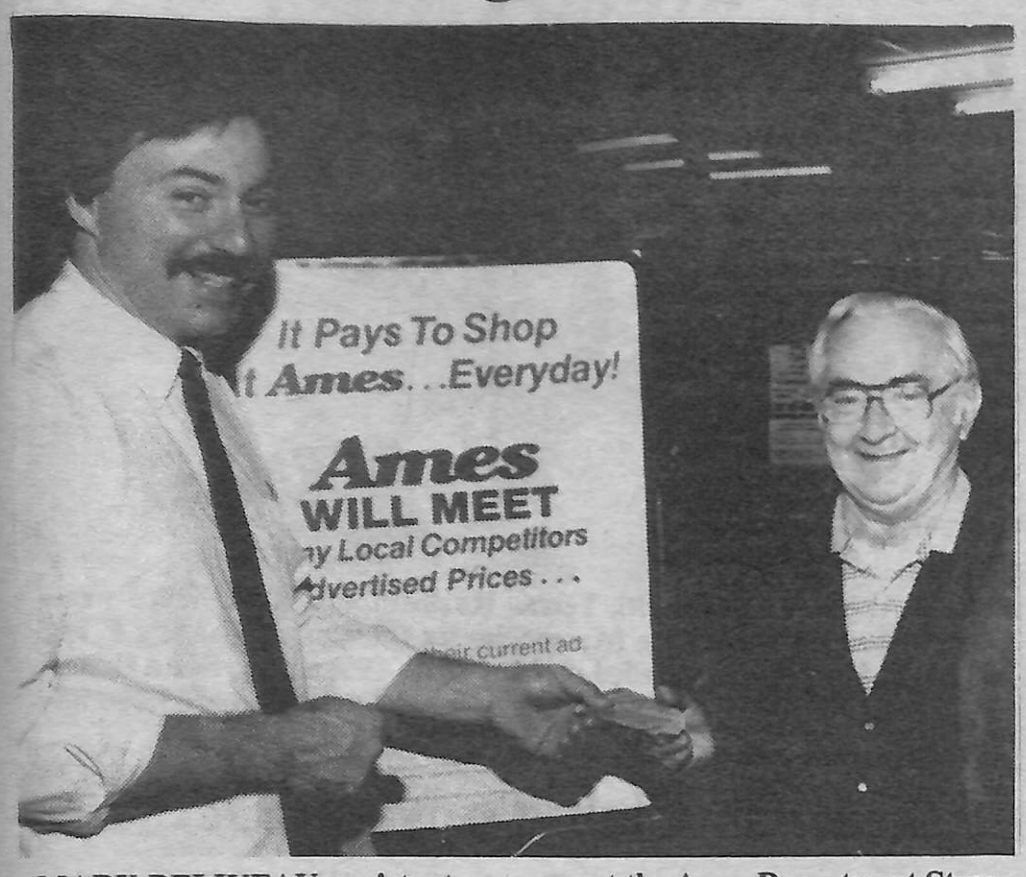

MARK BELIVEAU, assistant manager at the Ames Department Store on Suffield Street, hands Agawam senior citizen George Lavoie some Big E tickets at the store during the fair's 12-day run. Ames treated seniors to coffee and donuts before sending them off to the fair for the day. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AGAWAM SENIOR CITIZEN Viola Smith receives her free coffee and donuts from an Ames Dept. Store employee before heading for The Big E. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AMES STORE MANAGER John Caviston and employee Sandy Ellithorpe serve coffee and donuts to Agawam senior citizens during "Big E Day" at Ames. Ames presented free tickets to The Big E to local elderly during the promotion. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Fashion Show At Nursing Home

HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME (South) held a Fashion Show for the enjoyment of the residents last week. Resident Florence Planza is being escorted by Robert Mechman, Patient Personal Needs. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Helping-Out Kennedy Statue

MARY A. SULLIVAN (left), Teresa Kozloski, and Ruth Zucco were selling chocolate bars in the Massachusetts Building of The Big E for the J.F.K. Statue to be unveiled on May 29th, 1990, at the State House in Boston. Over 7,000 chocolate bars were sold, netting over $3,000 for the statue.

Ag. Garden Club To Meet Oct. 10

The Agawam Garden Club will meet Tuesday, October 10th, at 7:30 p.m., at the Captain Charles Leonard House.

Kenneth & Agnes Waite of Westfield will present a slide/talk program on "Growing and Hybridizing the Genus Iris."

Waite is president-elect of The American Iris Society which is comprised of 8,000 members throughout the world. They grow and hybridize about 600 different varieties of iris and have won awards of merit.

The Garden Club is donating the book, *"The World of Iris,"* available through the Society, to the Agawam Library.

The public is invited.

Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

Agawam High Class Of 1964 Plans 25-Year Reunion For Nov. 10th

The Class of 1964 from Agawam High School will hold its 25th year reunion on Friday, November 10th, at Oak Ridge Country Club in Agawam.

Committee members have been unable to contact the following classmates and would like information anyone may have on their whereabouts.

Please call Gail Curnow, 786-0855, or Christine Jeserski, 733-2007 if you know where to contact any of the following: Karen (Walker) Person, Robert Daigneau, Robert Whyte, Betty (Fleming) Spaven, Roger Tyler, Tom Ruddeforth, Joanne (Desaulniers) Sheard, Martha (Sharritt) Dinneen, David McGrevy, Richard Gamelli, Nancy Schmidt, Richard Desjarlais, Mary Moraczewski, Don Thorton, Gail (Cote) Haywood, Susan (Barkett) Madden, John Decker, Lyman Hastings, Kathleen (Hewitt) Neville, Earl Neill, Karen (Nelson) Case, Bruce Emerson, Patricia Humiston, Gail (Frenier) Colopietro, Don Headley, Ross Roberts, John Burns, Jesse Hare.

DUE TO THE COLUMBUS DAY holiday, our office will be closed on Friday, October 6th, at 11:00 a.m., and ALL DAY Monday, October 9th.

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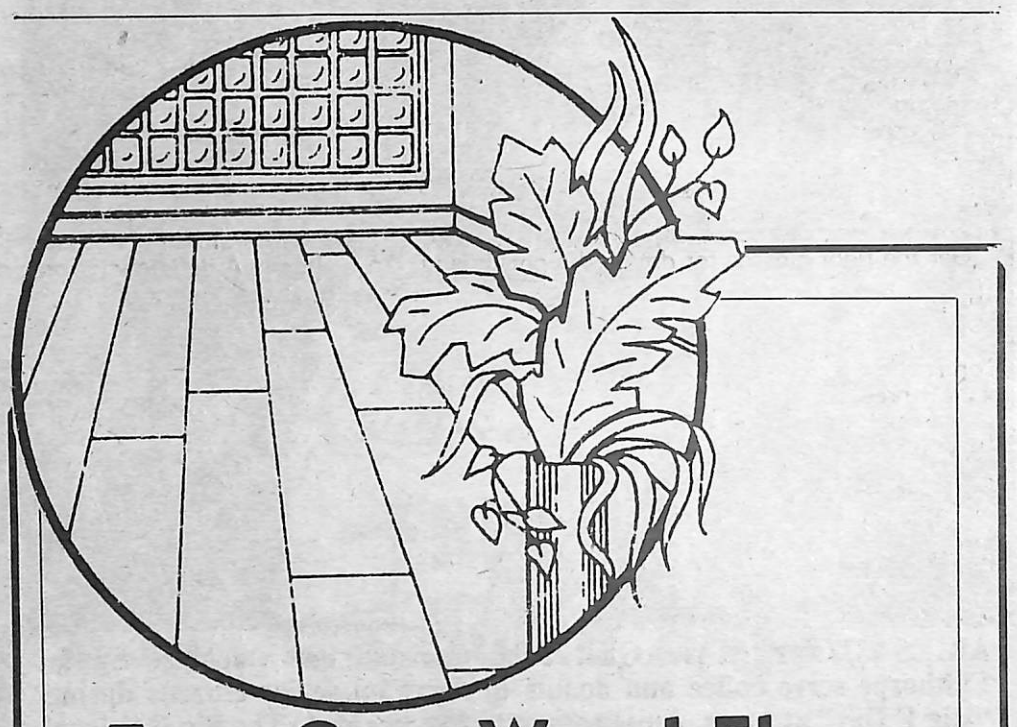

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For Your Health

Common Questions About Your Eyes

by Dr. Richard W. Gallerani
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QUESTION: My daughter says that since I have had cataract surgery, I need glasses with maximum protection against ultraviolet radiation. Is she right?

ANSWER: Yes. The lens removed during cataract surgery contained your eye's natural protection against ultraviolet (UV) radiation, which is found in all light, including artificial light, but is especially plentiful in sunlight.

Recent research shows that, without that protection, ultraviolet rays could damage your retina, the sensitive inside part of your eye used for seeing. That could lead to a loss of some or all vision.

If you have an intraocular lens implant, ask your surgeon if it provides maximum UV protection. Some of the newer ones do.

If it does not or if you have no lens implant, ask your optometrist to help you obtain sunglasses with maximum UV protection. You can also obtain clear prescription lenses with maximum UV protection for wear indoors.

QUESTION: I'm over 70 and starting to have difficulty seeing to drive at night. Will I someday have to give up my driver's license?

ANSWER: Our eyes change as we get older and this often affects our driving. Most of us can keep our licenses if we make some adjustments.

Get the right glasses for day and night driving. An annual vision examination by your optometrist is what you need.

Wear sunglasses during the day but not at night. Don't mix smoking or drinking with driving. Be aware of how prescription or non-prescription drugs you are taking might affect your vision.

Confine driving to places, speeds and hours in which you are most comfortable. Avoid driving at dusk, the most difficult seeing time. At night, try and stay on well lit roads.

Keep your windshield and headlights clean. Also, be sure your headlights and mirrors are properly adjusted.

QUESTION: My dad has been diagnosed as having macular degeneration. What causes it? How will it affect his vision?

ANSWER: Macular degeneration may be caused by injury, inflammation or vascular disease. Aging may also be a factor.

It may destroy color and central vision in the affected eye, making tasks like reading and sewing difficult if not impossible. It is the second leading cause of blindness in the United States, although it does not cause total blindness. Side vision remains.

Vision destroyed by macular degeneration cannot be restored but optometrists can prescribe special low vision aids to help people like your dad maximize their remaining vision. For successful use, it requires acceptance of the strange looking aids and a willingness to learn a new way of reading and seeing up close. Many people have done it.

Your dad should have a thorough low vision examination by an optometrist skilled in this field to learn what can be done to help him.

QUESTION: I'm 71 and my eyes are dry and itchy. What can be done about this?

ANSWER: Dry eyes are a common complaint as we grow older. The usual cause is a malfunctioning of the tear glands.

Other possible causes include certain diseases, vitamin A deficiency, some drugs such as diuretics used in the control of high blood pressure and heart conditions, or an extremely dry environment.

Symptoms include a scratchy, sandy feeling, itching, burning, mucus secretion, light sensitivity, redness, pain, and sometimes difficulty in moving the eyelids.

If you are experiencing any of these, seek professional help. Bring symptoms to your optometrist's attention before the examination begins so that needed tests can be provided.

If the underlying cause of your dry eyes cannot be corrected, your optometrist may recommend using a liquid tear substitute to bring relief.

Noble Hospital Of Westfield Has Program Dealing With Maintaining Healthy Heart

Noble Hospital will host a new community education program this fall entitled "Heart Beat 1989." The program will take place on October 14th, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., in the hospital auditorium. Together with the American Heart Association, Noble will present a day of activities to promote healthy hearts.

Heart Beat 1989 is designed to help participants lead and maintain healthy heart lifestyles. Program activities include presentations by cardiac nurses, computerized lifestyle risk assessments, free cholesterol and blood pressure screenings, heart health exercise demonstrations, tours of cardiac diagnostic labs, free EKG's, nutritional counseling, body fat analysis, and a free heart smart lunch. All of the activities, screenings and lunch are included in the $10 registration fee.

"Noble Hospital and the American Heart Association are concerned with keeping hearts healthy," says Michelle Franco, director of Cardiac Rehabilitation at Noble. "This program is aimed at helping people avoid heart problems, as well as educating those who may already have heart disease."

The program is part of Noble's ongoing commitment to community health education. Pre-registration for Heart Beat 1989 is required.

For more information and registration forms, call Michelle Franco, director, Cardiac Rehabilitation at Noble Hospital, 568-2811, extension 229.

Mastectomy Support Group At Mercy Hospital In October

The Mastectomy Support Group of the Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital, will meet on Tuesday evenings.

Women who have experienced mastectomy or have been diagnosed as having breast cancer are invited to discuss their concerns, problems and feelings with others. No charge. Reservations are requested; call 785-4637.

L.I.F.E., a program for people with cancer and their families, will meet at the Women's Pavilion every Wednesday evening in October from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and every Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

L.I.F.E. is a unique support group that focuses on the philosophy of Bernie Siegel, well-known for his work on the therapeutic value of a positive mental attitude.

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October Programs Set At Mercy Hospital Mem. House

Mercy Hospital is holding a free blood pressure screening on Tuesday, October 10th, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., in the Memorial House Auditorium.

A colorectal screening will be offered at Mercy Hospital on Tuesday, October 10th, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., in the Memorial House Auditorium. Fee is $1.

Mercy Hospital is offering a free chronic obstructive pulmonary disease program (COPD) for patients and their families on Thursday, October 19th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The program helps individuals suffering from asthma, chronic bronchitis, or emphysema learn more about COPD and how they can better cope with their disease. Families are encouraged to attend. For registration and location, call 781-9100, extension 1610 (Respiratory Therapy Department).

The Patient Education Department of Mercy Hospital is offering a cholesterol screening program, on Thursday, October 26th, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., in the Memorial House Auditorium. Fasting is necessary 10-12 hours prior to testing (water may be taken). Results will be mailed to participants. The sugggested donation is $10, and registration is on a walk-in basis.

A blood glucose screening program is being held at Mercy Hospital on Friday, October 27th, from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., in the Memorial House Auditorium. Prior to the test, participants should not take food and liquids (other than water) after midnight. A donation of $2 is requested for the testing materials.

Agawam Lions Club Slates Health Fair October 8th

The Agawam Lions Club will be sponsoring a "World Lions Service Day Health Fair" on Sunday, October 8th. It will be held at the Agawam High School cafeteria from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The health screenings will include cholesterol, diabetes, blood pressure, glaucoma, hearing, field of vision, and health risk assessments.

Donations of old glasses and hearing aids will be accepted for the Lions Wishing Well.

The Agawam D.A.R.E. Project will also be at the fair.

If there are any questions, please contact Dan DiSisto, 786-6272.

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TOO MUCH SPENDING?

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A: The acquisitiveness that leads to that sort of spending may stem from many causes, but two of the top contenders on the list are boredom and the feeling that something is lacking in one's life. The boredom factor may crop up when the shopper thinks, "I've got nothing special to do today, so I'll go shopping," but often there's a large-scale boredom with one's life in general.

Shopping to fill a void in one's life? The missing element may be unrelated to money or even to current living. It may be happiness, security, or love that the person wants, and the void may be a hold-over feeling from childhood, having nothing to do with life today.

As with most problems, knowing the cause isn't going to affect an instantaneous change, but it is a first step. Sit down and talk it over rationally with your wife.

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For Your Health - continued...

YOUR BACK & YOUR HEALTH

BY Drs. Joseph & Katherine Schlaffer - Chiropractors

A recent column of mine covered the rough, tough sport called football. Subsequently I began hearing comments about equal time for another sport; a sport that enjoys participation by both sexes and may very well be the most played sport in Agawam. That sport is soccer.

In our rapidly expanding community, hundreds of young soccer players make frequent trips to local soccer fields to wage war with the opposition.

But how rough can this game called soccer actually be? Very tough! Bodies hurtle through the air as players trip over extended legs, all hoping to make contact with the ball. Oh, that elusive little ball. Powerful kicks meant for that ball often find a mark on someone's shin, knee, hip, back, or even their head! And remember the lucky person at the end of the field who gets to pick-up the ball with his hands? Well not all players are polite enough to stop kicking even though the goalie has possession of the ball. Ouch! Does anyone have a helmet with a facemask?

If your inclined to think that the girls are any less physical, go watch a girls' soccer match at any age level and you will change your mind. Sprains, strains, and collisions are just as common in this aggressive sport so enjoyed by many young women in Agawam.

As chiropractic physicians, our interest in this sport goes beyond the competition when there is an injury, or the possibility that one has occurred.

When the body is struck or badly jarred, bones of the spine and pelvis can be misplaced. If one or more of these bones is even slightly out of line, it can mean pressure on the nerves inside the spine and result in a variety of problems including neck or back pain, arm/leg pain or numbness, headache and abnormal nerve function.

Soccer is certainly a growing sport that should be enjoyed to the fullest by those playing this game. Has a past injury resulted in a problem that should be investigated? The Schlaffer Chiropractic Office at 192 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, emphasizes the health of Agawam's athletes and is well-equipped to examine and treat those who have been injured.

Blood Donor Month Observed By Noble

Together with four other area hospitals, Noble Hospital has declared October to be "Blood Donor Awareness Month." Throughout the month, Noble's Blood Bank will be offering special incentives for donating blood, as well as promoting community awareness.

"Many Westfield area residents aren't aware that they can donate blood here at their local hospital," says Darlene Fucci, Blood Bank Supervisor at Noble. "Our goal this October is to increase awareness about hospital blood donor programs and to increase our supply of blood."

Blood is always in demand for use during surgery, for accident victims, hemophilicas, cancer patients, and other uses. Blood of all types is needed, and can be broken down into components so that one donation can help several patients.

The Noble Blood Bank is open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday. Anyone age 17 or older, who is in good health and weighs at least 110 pounds can donate. (Written parental permission is needed for those under 18 years of age. A doctor's permission is needed for those past their 66th birthday.) Donations can be repeated every eight weeks.

"Each time you give, you get the benefit of a mini-physical," says Fucci, noting that the staff checks the donor's pulse, blood pressure, blood count, and temperature, and offers free cholesterol tests. Free premarital testing is also provided with a doctor's order.

A person who is scheduled for elective surgery can donate for himself in advance. This autologous donor program allows a person to "bank" units of his own blood in case it is needed. Other donors have the satisfaction of helping their community, since blood donated at Noble stays within the community.

As incentives for donating, Noble offers t-shirts, desk clocks, sweatshirts, and mugs for donors who give one, two, three, four, or more gallons of blood over time. Pens and calendars will be given to all donors during their special promotion.

Other hospitals which are participating in Blood Donor Awareness Month are Baystate, Cooley-Dickinson, Holyoke, and Mercy. Blood bank hours vary for each hospital and may be obtained by calling the hospital nearest you.

Noble blood bank donor hours are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday. Appointments are suggested. To make an appointment at the Noble Blood Bank, call 568-2811, extension 565.

Providence Hospital Has Lecture On Arthritis

The next Arthritis lecture, Rehabilitation of an arthritic patient, a free monthly education program of the Providence Hospital Rheumatology Service, will be held on Friday, October 13th, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., in the hospital auditorium.

Shankar Garg, M.D., Rheumatologist, will give the lecture which will include slides and a question and answer period. The lecture is free of charge and open to the public.

The program is held on a monthly basis and addreses a different aspect of arthritis each time.

Dr. Garg conducts the hospital's Rheumatology Consultation Service which meets each Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the hospital. Patients are referred to this service for evaluation and treatment by their own physician. Appointments may be made by contacting Dr. Garg's office.

Persons with questions on the education program or the consultation service may contact Dr. Garg, 536-5111.

"Laughter And Humor" Seminar Coming Oct. 17th

The seminar "Laughter and Humor—Keys To Survival" will be returning to the area. The seminars will be held on the evenings (both 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.) of October 17th and 31st, at the Sheraton West, West Springfield.

Advance registration is highly recommended due to the popularity of the speaker and sessions. Cost is $24 per person—for every two who attend, a third attends at no charge! If you are ready to laugh and learn about the proven benefits of humor/laughter as a health care tool, call Dr. Sobel, 785-1259 or 732-2759 for registration information.

Dr. Sobel is the founder of "High Impact Seminars/New England Institute for Stress Management," located in Springfield. He speaks on the local, state, and national levels as a frequent keynote presenter/trainer.

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Lung Asso. Holds Annual Meeting, Fitzgerald Noted

The American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts' 85th Annual Meeting for the 1988-89 fiscal year was held Wednesday, September 27th, at the Association's office.

Karen Fitzgerald of Feeding Hills, coach at Elms College was given a recognition plaque with the "Christmas Seal of Thanks" for her work with the association. She raised $6,200 for the TransAmerica Bicycle Trek.

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PHILM REVIEW

by Phil Benoit
Entertainment Editor

—*Black Rain: 2½ STARS*

In his first silver-screen appearance since his Oscar-winning role in the acclaimed 1987 drama *Wall Street*, Michael Douglas portrays Nick Conklin, a maverick New York City police detective who—with the help of his straight-laced partner, Charlie (Andy Garcia)—apprehends a member of the Japanese mob, the Yakuza, after this notorious criminal commits a brutal murder.

But, when Nick and Charlie travel to Japan to personally deliver their prisoner to the proper authorities, he stealthily escapes from his captors, thereby causing these two American cops to remain in this foreign land until they've helped the local law enforcement officials in their efforts to re-apprehend their most heinous prey.

On the surface, the storyline of *Black Rain* is similar to that of *Year of the Dragon*, a 1985 crime drama wherein a police captain from the Big Apple (played by Mickey Rourke) almost single-handedly took on the Oriental murderers and drug lords of New York City's Chinatown. However, while that four-year-old motion picture was an outright piece of trash which wound up as one of my 10 worst films of that year, this recently-released movie is a decently entertaining endeavor.

Among its pluses, the action scenes in *Black Rain* are strikingly photographed and presented to us at a crisp and energetic pace. Furthermore, the cinematography depicting the city of Osaka, Japan (where the majority of the plot takes place) exquisitely exudes the glitzy atmosphere of a neon-laden city which hosts a shadowy underworld of bloodshedding crime.

Incidentally, this example of eye-catching camerawork is probably the greatest hallmark of the picture's director, Ridley Scott. A British-born filmmaker who's best known for creating the now-classic outer-space chiller *Alien* ten years ago, Scott was also responsible for the 1982 sci-fi potboiler *Blade Runner* starring Harrison Ford; and, if you saw and still remember Scott's dank and smoky rendering of 21st-century Los Angeles in that flawed, seven-year-old production, then you'll have a good idea of the visual virtuosity that's inherent in his latest work.

Yet, despite all of its technical razzle-dazzle, *Black Rain* is but a routine cops-and-robbers yarn that should have been considerably better and provided more insight into the world of Japanese crime. Not only are its proceedings generally predictable and cliched, but the characters and their situations are rather stereotypical and under-developed; in fact, in the case of actress Kate Capshaw *(Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom)*, her supporting part as an Osaka nightclub operator who's originally from Chicago is nothing but celluloid window dressing that adds hardly anything of value to the progression of the story.

Still, a few performers in *Black Rain* manage to give genuinely first-rate portrayals that are able to compensate for the limitations of the script. Slightly resembling a young Al Pacino, Garcia *(The Untouchables)* projects much easygoing charm and finesse in the role of Charlie, Douglas' partner in crimebusting. And, Japanese actor Ken Takakura is undeniably engaging to watch and supplies much humor as a typically stoic member of the Osaka police force who's assigned to keep an eye on Douglas and Garcia's characters while they're in Japan.

Meanwhile, Douglas himself is top-notch in what is essentially a variation on Mel Gibson's part in the *Lethal Weapon* flicks. As Nick Conklin, he effectively projects the hotheaded gutsiness of a rough-and-tumble man of action; additionally, Douglas credibly conveys the deep-down feelings of guilt of a cop who's had some less-than-upstanding moments during his career and who now—via his exposure to the highly moralistic nature of the law-abiding members of Japanese society—is forced to come to terms with his checkered past.

—*In Country: 4 STARS*

Based on Bobbie Ann Mason's book of the same title and set in present-day Kentucky, this outstanding and emotionally-stirring drama deals with a 17-year-old girl (Emily Lloyd) who never met her father because he was killed in Vietnam just before she was born, and who now wants to learn as much as she can about her dad and the war itself by way of her uncle (Bruce Willis), a veteran of that most controversial conflict whose experiences during combat have left him emotionally disturbed and spiritually shattered.

Superbly directed by Norman Jewison *(Moonstruck)*, *In Country* certainly brings to mind the Academy Award-winning 1978 drama *Coming Home* with Jane Fonda and Jon Voight, but at the same time, it is also reminiscent of that long-time classic motion picture from 1946, *The Best Years of Our Lives*, because of its approach to the nature of a post-war era in the United States.

A compelling, life-affirming film which focuses on the power and necessity of emotional healing, this picture not only does a most poignant job of handling the topic of troubled Vietnam veterans who bear mental scars as a result of their time in warfare, but also perceptively suggests that in order to come to grips with the pain and trauma which the war in Vietnam engendered, the people who were affected the most by this turbulent period of history—whether they were stateside or overseas—must take solace in the fact that they are still among the living and, thus, must learn to make the most of the rest of their lives and find strength in whatever happiness might come their way.

What's more, *In Country* concludes on a perfectly appropriate note by taking place at the Vietnam War memorial in Washington, D.C., and this final portion of the plot is, without a doubt, one of the most earnestly tender and memorably moving scenes that I've had the pleasure of viewing during my ten-year career of reviewing films.

Although *In Country* does showcase a good number of splendid portrayals from beginning to end, the efforts of the movie's two leading players deserve what mention I can afford within the confines of this review. In her role of a teenage girl who's desperate to discover whatever she can about both her long-deceased father and the era in which he died, Lloyd exhibits the right amount of youthful curiosity and, in a very believable fashion, gradually communicates a sense of budding maturity which transpires as a consequence of her personally gratifying and self-rewarding exploration of her paternal history.

A British up-and-comer who recently co-starred with Peter Falk in a Mafia-oriented comedy titled *Cookie*, this young actress's role in *In Country* allows her to once again demonstrate her ability to proficiently use as American accent, as well as the chance to show that she does indeed possess the on-screen talent to make quite a name for herself in the motion picture industry.

Meanwhile, Willis turns in a remarkably high-caliber performance as a character who does take up a good deal less screen time than Lloyd's, but nonetheless makes just as much of an impression. In such works as the now-cancelled television series *Moonlighting* and the box-office hit *Die Hard*, this fine performer proved that he has what it takes when it comes to doing both lightweight comedy and action-oriented drama. Now, in his meatiest role to date, Willis flexes his thespian muscle and stretches his range as an actor.

With a laid-back demeanor which is replete with seethingly nervous tension that is always on the verge of becoming out-and-out hysteria, he sympathetically portrays his anxiety-ridden Vietnam vet in a sensitive, all-too-realistic manner, and the exceptional quality of this performance could earn Willis a much-deserved Oscar nomination for next spring's Academy Awards ceremony.

—*Johnny Handsome: 2½ STARS*

Based upon the novel *The Three World of Johnny Handsome* by Joh Godey, this well-acted but ultimately mediocre drama stars Mickey Rourke as a facially-deformed, two-bit criminal who winds up in prison after two fellow thugs (Ellen Barkin and Lance Henriksen) double-cross him after a robbery. But, during a stay in the institution's hospital, he undergoes radical surgery which provides him not only with a normal face, but also with a desire to return to everyday society.

However, once he eventually regains his freedom, this long-time lawbreaker does not intend to lead a reputable life; instead, he plans to exact revenge in any way that he possibly can upon the nefarious duo who were responsible for his recent stint in prison.

In the title role, Rourke *(Barfly)* solidly renders his character as a tragic protagonist who seems incapable of ever divorcing himself from his sordid past. And, equally commendable portrayals are delivered by Barkin *(Sea of Love)* and Henriksen *(Aliens)* as Rourke's wickedly sleazy adversaries; Forest Whitaker *(Bird)* as a kind-hearted prison doctor; Morgan Freeman *(Lean on Me)* in the part of a veteran and street-wise cop; and Elizabeth McGovern *(She's Having a Baby)* as a sweet-natured young woman who falls in love with Rourke's character following his drastic reconstructive surgery.

Unfortunately, all of this excellent acting is not enough to enable *Johnny Handsome* to be better than just average. Director Walter Hill, who's exhibited his notable skills behind the camera with such films as *Southern Comfort*, *48 Hours*, and *Red Heat*, must have been asleep at the helm of this picture, for it is a poorly paced and sloppily edited production.

At times, *Johnny Handsome* is extremely exciting; at other times, it's downright dull. As if this wasn't enough, this flick is apt to occasionally cause you to scratch your head in confusion and wonder if something was accidentally left on the cutting-room floor because, on the whole, it has the look and feel of an unpolished film that was thrown together in a slipshod manner.

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As the first concert of the 1989-1990 "Music at First" series, the Music Committee of Old First Church, Court Square, Springfield, is pleased to have Walter Chesnut and Ernest May present a program of works for trumpet and organ on Sunday afternoon, October 15th, at 4:00 p.m., in the Meeting House. Drs. Chesnut and May have produced a record album and have just returned from presenting a concert at St. Paul's Chapel, Columbia University in New York City.

Walter Chesnut, renowned as a trumpet virtuoso, teacher, and conductor in the New England area, is professor of trumpet at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Trained at the University of Michigan, he has toured in Europe and appeared with the Boston Pops Orchestra. The intensity of his musical activities has become a local legend.

Ernest May is chairman of the Department of Music and Dance, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and director of Music and organist at South Congregational Church, Springfield. He has contributed to the *Neue Bach-Ausqabe*, the *New Harvard Dictionary of Music*, and is co-editor, with George Stauffer, of the anthology *J.S. Bach as Organist*.

As with each of the concerts on the "Music at First" series, everyone is welcome to be present to share in the enjoyment of this program and there is no admission charge. Those in attendance are invited to remain following the concert to greet the artists at a reception in the Latimer Room of the Parish House and to view the current exhibit in the First Church Gallery.

First church is handicapped accessible. Use Elm Street side entrance.

Suffield Players Reschedule Annual Tag Sale For Oct. 14th

Suffield: The Suffield Players have rescheduled their Annual Tag Sale for the benefit of Historic Mapleton Hall. The new date is Saturday, October 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at Mapleton Hall, Mapleton Avenue, Suffield.

Mapleton Hall became the official home of the Suffield Players community theatre last January when the Northeast Hall Association agreed to lease the building in exchange for the Players maintaining the historic building and bringing it up to fire code.

Last year's tag sale netted enough money to install a sprinkler system in the basement of the building. Monies from other Player fundraisers provided a new porch on the north side of the building, fire walls in the basement rooms, the addition of an extra lavatory and paint for interior walls.

Donations of articles for the sale are desperately needed. Drop-off times have been set for Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., September 20th-October 11th. Sorry, we cannot accept large appliances or TVs. All other articles will be gratefully appreciated. For more information, call 569-0318 or 203-668-0858.

St. Martha's Players Plan 1989-90 Stage Season

Enfield: St. Martha Players, Inc. of Enfield announces their 1989 and 1990 season. This fall they are presenting *"Dames At Sea."* Show dates are October 27th, 28th, November 3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th, 17th, and 18th. This production promises you swinging music, tap dancing, comedy, and a wonderful evening.

For spring of 1990 the St. Martha Players, Inc. will be presenting the ever popular *"Mame."* This Broadway spectacular is sure to be the hit of the spring season.

Happy Squares Dance Club To Hold Fun Night Oct. 12

Happy Squares—Square Dance Club will hold a free fun night, Thursday, October 12th, from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m., at Southampton Congregational Church, Route 10, Southampton.

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Don't get me wrong—I'm not saying that *Johnny Handsome* is a decidedly bad film, since I would give it a recommendation based on its superlative performances. But, by the same token, acting of such a lofty degree is worthy of a better picture than this one happens to be.

***THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:**

—Black Rain: Rated R for intense and bloody violence, and strong profanity.

—In Country: Though it is rated R, this film's mature themes, language, and situations should have warranted only a rating of PG-13 instead.

—Johnny Handsome: Rated R for strong violence, harsh profanity, and some nudity.

Springfield Symphony To Open Main Season On Saturday, Oct. 14th

The Springfield Symphony Orchestra is proud to announce that the Gold Medalist of the Eighth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, Aleksei Sultanov, will open the 1989-1990 main season on Saturday, October 14th, at 8:00 p.m., performing the Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 2 in C Minor. This concert is being sponsored by Heritage Bank for Savings.

This special season opener is included in our Great Performers series, Classical Sampler series, and our Spotlight series. These categories give the subscriber a selection of concerts at a special discount and are on sale now through September.

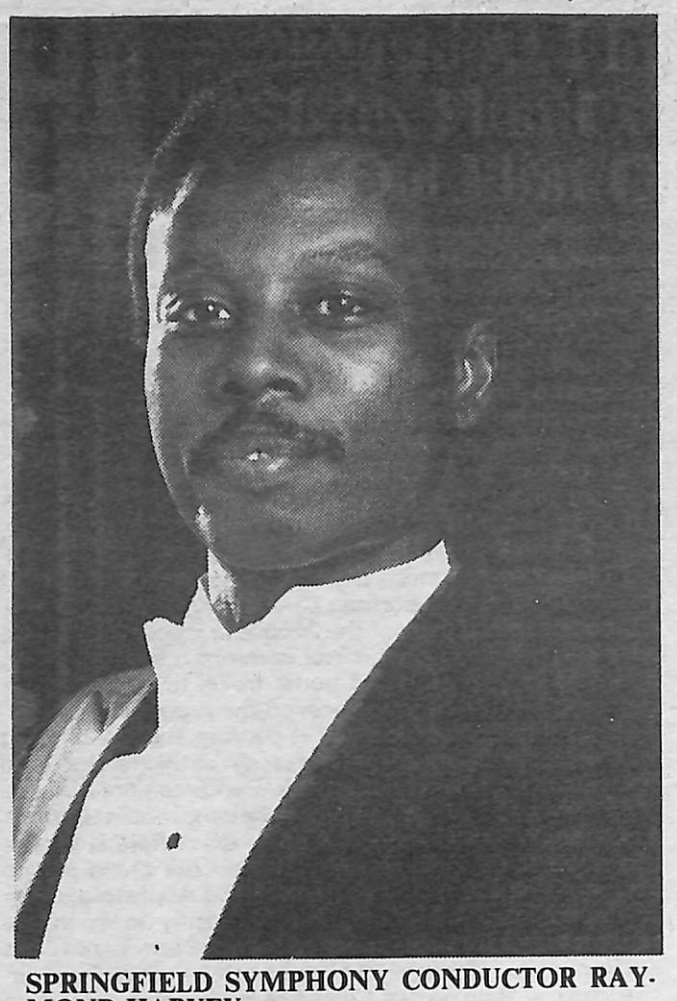
At the age of 19, Aleksei Sultanov was the youngest competitor in the field of 38 pianists, representing 19 countries, competing for the prestigious Van Cliburn medal. Born in Tashkent, U.S.S.R. to a family of musicians, Sultanov made his formal debut at the age of seven.

Sultanov has performed throughout the Soviet Union both in recital and in orchestral concerts, including the Moscow Philharmonic. He has toured Europe, performing in such cities as Munich, Sophia, and Frankfurt. He has also had exposure in the United States with guest appearances on NBC's *Today Show* and the *Tonight Show*. Currently, Sultanov is in his second year at the Moscow State Conservatory where he is under the tutelage of Professor L.N. Naumov.

The program for October 14th also includes Elgar's *Froissart* Overture and Brahms' Symphony No. 2. Mr. Sultanov's dynamic performance of the Rachmaninoff during the competition helped him claim the Van Cliburn gold medal. His appearance in Springfield will be one of his initial engagements since his award-winning performance in Fort Worth, Texas, in June.

During the Van Cliburn Competition, the front page headline of the *Dallas Times Herald* read, "Soviet's style key to Cliburn—Teen pianist's boldness sets competition on its ear." Other comments about Sultanov included, "He demonstrated awesome power and a prodigious technical command of the piano during the competition," and "Mr. Sultanov played with audacity, wizardry, artistry, and animal vitality."

Main season subscriptions are still available and can be obtained at the Symphony Orchestra Box Office on the mezzanine level of Baystate West or by calling 733-2291.



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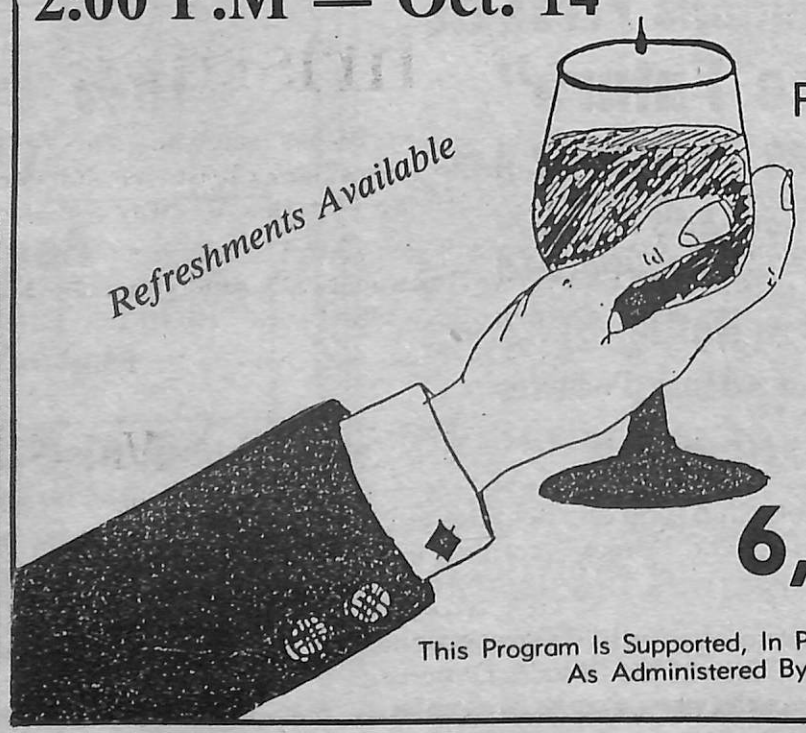

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by Julie Mercadante
Worldtek Travel

More On Kids:

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On domestic flights, lap children travel free but are not assigned a seat. Airlines will try to provide empty seats next to parents when they are available. Even if your child doesn't need a ticket, it's important to tell the airlines that you will be traveling with an infant.

Accompanied children, two through 11, who sit in their own seats sometimes get a discount. It depends on the destination and the specials that may apply for the time you're traveling. If you're flexible with your travel dates, watch the newspapers for airline ads. They sometimes offer kids fly free or discounted fares. Some airlines offer family fares. Always ask your travel agent for the best available fares for the time you're planning to travel.

Unaccompanied children are charged adult fares, and if they have to make connections, there's an extra $20-$25 charge for each one-way trip.

For international flights, even lap children require tickets. These tickets usually cost 10 percent of the applicable adult fare. If you don't buy one in advance, you will need to pay 10 percent of the undiscounted fare, even if you have excursion or advance purchase tickets.

The child's ticket does not entitle him to a seat, it simply allows him on board. Children between the ages of two to 11 pay 50 percent to 75 percent of the adult international fare.

As with adults, children need proper documents to identify him/her as U.S. citizens. If one parent is traveling to Mexico with a child, it is necessary to carry a notarized letter of written permission from the other parent. The government of Mexico is strict about this rule and will deny entry into the country without the letter of permission.

JOTS FROM JULIE:

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Swk. Arts Council Has Grant Applications

Southwick: The Southwick Arts Council will meet on Tuesday, October 10th, to review the applications for Arts Lottery funding, received prior to October 1st, the deadline for this funding cycle.

Approximately $5,000 is available for approved programs plus almost $2,000 for school-related P.A.S.S. program activities.

If further review is necessary, the Arts Council will meet again on October 24th. Both meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m., at the Southwick Senior Center.

The Town is planning an informational night during October, and the Southwick Arts Council will have a display and a member will be available to provide information on its activities. New members are encouraged to join.

After the applications are approved locally, and the appeal period closes, the Massachusetts Arts Council in Boston must give final approval for each grant. A new funding cycle will go into effect January 1st, 1990 and will close early in May 1990. The programs must possess merit in arts and/or humanities.

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Suffield Parks Dept. Has Radio City Trip

Suffield: The Suffield Parks and Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show in New York on Saturday, December 9th. The cost is $59 per person, and the show is at 3:00 p.m. The bus leaves Suffield High School parking lot at 8:00 a.m., and return leave from New York is at 4:30 p.m.

The fee includes orchestra/first mezzanine seats to the show, transportation, full escort service on the bus, taxes and gratuities, including the driver and escort.

Registration and payment must be made in advance at the Suffield Parks and Recreation Department, 97 Mountain Road, 668-0237, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Order Of Eastern Star Slates Gift Night

Members from Agawam and West Springfield are assisting in preparing for the Annual Gift Nite and Dinner sponsored by West Springfield Chapter No. 144, Order of the Eastern Star, to be held in Masonic Hall, 732 Elm Street, West Springfield, on Saturday, October 7th.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by the distribution of 100 or more gifts.

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GEORGINA (left, Donna Bliss) demands that Lizzie (Lisa Parker) examine her novel in a scene from the Suffield Players' upcoming *"Being Of Sound Mind."* The play will make its world debut October 12th, 13th, 14th, at Chicopee High School, before returning to Mapleton Hall later in the month.

Suffield Players Get Ready For Oct. Opener

"Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn." "Play it again, Sam." "De plane, boss! De plane!"

As an actor, it would be a difficult task at best to have any of these lines. Why? As they say on Broadway, ***"Kid, it's already been done."*** These lines and countless others like them evoke images and characters already created by other actors. An actor trying to handle a previously-performed role will inevitably (and sometimes unfairly) be compared to the ghosts of actors past. Every actor, professional or amateur, waits for that role that he or she can make uniquely their own.

In two weeks, six members of the Suffield Players will have precisely that opportunity when *"Being of Sound Mind,"* an original play written by player Konrad Rogowski opens at Chicopee High School.

Lisa Parker, a veteran with the Suffield Players, described the challenge of creating a persona for protagonist Lizzie as simultaneously "exciting and scary—as scary as the worst ride at Riverside!"

According to Ms. Parker, the difficulty lies in the fact that "only one person knows this character—the playwright. As an actor, I must ask questions of Konrad and look for context clues in the lines to help shape my characterization."

Ms. Parker's character, Lizzie, is an authoress of children's books. In the play, Lizzie has invited four guests to her rural New Hampshire summer home for the weekend. A series of emotional plot twists lead to a surprising and touching conclusion.

"Being of Sound Mind," presented in part through a Chicopee Arts Lottery Council grant, will be performed for the first time in public October 12th, 13th, and 14th at Chicopee High School. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m.; tickets available at the door. Following that run, the play will resume production October 26th, 27th, 28th, and November 3rd, 4th, 10th, and 11th at Suffield's Mapleton Hall. Proceeds from the October 13th show will be donated to Chicopee High to promote theatrical endeavors.

For additional information on the play, call 413-592-3755.

The Children's Theatre To Open '89-'90 Season

The Children's Theatre of Massachusetts has announced its 1989-90 encore season of performances at Springfield Symphony Hall. The season will feature four favorite fairy tales including *Sleeping Beauty; Santa Live!; The Adventures of Tom Sawyer;* and *The Wizard of Oz.*

A fairy tale favorite, *Sleeping Beauty,* opens the season October 5th-8th. The beloved story by The Brothers Grimm of a kingdom cursed to sleep 100 years promises to be among the grandest and most splendid productions young theatre goers have ever known. Only the kiss of a handsome prince upon the lips of the fair princess will break the spell, bringing this tale to a "happily ever after" ending.

From November 30th-December 3rd, Symphony Hall will be magically transformed into Santa's workshop for all new holiday fun in *Santa Live!* This production is sure to put the entire family in the spirit of the season. Join Mrs. Claus, a house full of wacky elves and the reindeer in yuletide merriment. Songs, laughter and audience participation guarantee a holiday show like no other.

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Reserved seating for all performances is $7.50 and $5.50. Tickets are available at the Springfield Civic Center and at all Ticketron outlets. Phone-charge: (413) 787-6600 or 1-800-382-8080. Tickets are also available at the door.

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"I like to act. When I was a kid my brother and I would play the Honeymooners for the family. I'd always be Ed and my brother was always Ralph. In sixth grade, I went to acting class after school. I'd always pretend that I dreaded it so that my friends wouldn't think I was weird, but I always looked forward to it because I got to act and I was the only boy in the class! I had all the girls to myself! Seriously, I'm really enjoying this show. Contrary to what you might think, after working all day rehearsals are energizing. There's a lot of comic relief in rehearsals. We're always trying to break each other up, to see who is the strongest. Not only is it fun, but it's probably good practice for the show. It's real important to keep your cool if things go wrong when you're live."

Are you nervous at the prospect of going on stage?

"Well, there is a big difference between having thousands of people hear your voice over the airwaves and have 300 watch you playing a role live onstage. At the radio station, I'm alone in my studio with no immediate feedback and despite that I'm still cautious. I expect to have the usual opening night butterflies. You might say that my internal scream will be a few decibles higher."

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"Arsenic and Old Lace" will be held on October 6th, 7th, 13th, and 14th. Curtain times will be 8:00 p.m., with a bonus matinee at 2:00 p.m. on October 14th. This program is supported, in part, by the Massachusetts Arts Lottery, as administered by the Westfield Arts Council. For ticket information, please call 568-2120.

THE BREWSTER BROTHERS, Mortimer (K.C. Palmer) and Jonathan (Bernie Larson) square-off in a scene from *"Arsenic and Old Lace"* now being produced by the Westfield Theatre Group. All the fun starts on Friday, October 6th. Call 568-2120 for ticket information.

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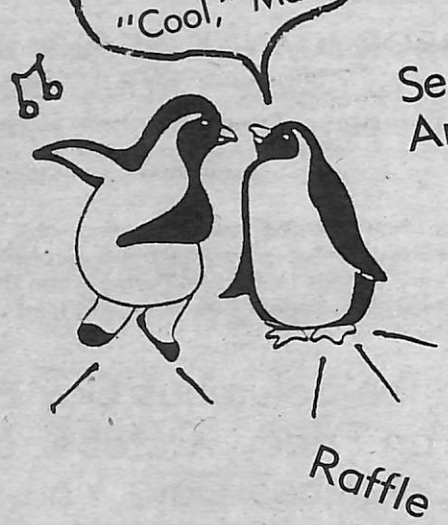

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"Subject To Change" Latest Of Ag. Repertory

Do you ever feel like breaking loose? Leaving behind old obligations and freeing yourself to live out your dreams? We all fantasize about it, but why don't more of us do it? We become complacent with our situations, and even when the opportunity for change arises we shy away. *Subject to Change*, a comedy by Jules Tasca being produced by Agawam Repertory Theatre, explores these conflicts.

In the play, each character has created their own "cage"—they also possess the key, but struggle to open the lock.

The highly comedic, but not wholly likeable Madeline, played by Helene Bernstein, is the elderly spinster at the center of this bittersweet comedy. She often resorts to extreme hystrionics to make sure her sister, Gertrude, played by Irene Scanlon, and others surrounding her remain her constant caretakers. Her angry, bitter, and often obnoxious outbursts give way occasionally—so we can see the truly scared, pitiful, lonely old lady.

The devoted sister, Gertrude, desires a life of her own, but is riddled with guilt at the thought of leaving Madeline to fend for herself. Madeline struggles to keep her situation from changing, while Gertrude yearns to break away.

Director, Brent Northup, has been working to "build a kind of schizophrenia into the characters" so the audience will clearly see the conflict each character is experiencing. For example, Madeline goes from bossy and crass to pitiful and desperate within a matter of moments when she confronts the possibility of being left alone. These split-second changes reflect the inner uncertainty of the characters as they struggle to gain control of their own futures.

The other characters include Erwin, Gertrude's gentlemen friend, played by Judd Pooler. He is also trying to break away from his lifetime role of "caretaker" to his mother. A neighbor, Joanne, played by Michelle Brochu, supports Gertrude and Erwin in their pursuit of happiness. Mrs. Leeds (Ellie Reynolds), an 83 year-old drunk, and Mr. Pignitelli (Peter Imelio), the handyman, add spicy comic relief.

NEIGHBOR JOANNE (Michelle Brochu) is stuck in the middle in a scene from *"Subject To Change."* Irene Scanlon is pictured at left, and Helene Bernstein (right). The play opens October 12th. For tickets, call 739-2111.

Jules Tasca has created an interesting mix of characters which Northup says make up "a funny show, with a very serious underlying theme—and that is the conflict we all experience between what we are and what we want to be."

Subject to Change will be presented October 12th-14th and 19th-21st at 8:00 p.m., in the Moses Theater (former home of StageWest) at the Big E, in West Springfield. Limited tickets available at the door, or call for reservations, 739-2111.

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GUEST SPEAKERS of the White House Nursery in Southwick will be Nancy Shaer (left) and Lise Lemieux.

White House Nursery Plans Speakers

The White House Nursery, 148 Point Grove Road, Southwick, is pleased to announce as their season's first speakers, October 12th, at 6:00 p.m., Lise Lemieux and Nancy "Rainbow NS" Shaer, Cherokee Indian Medicine Woman.

They will offer a slide presentation on spring bulbs, perennials, herbs as food and medicine and how to protect plants from winter kill. Both are master gardeners.

Refreshments will be served following the program. Admission is $4. Please call to reserve by October 10th. Space is limited. Call 569-0709.

Singing/Acting Workshop Features Pianist Mike Rheault

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The workshop is to be conducted by singer-actress Vickie Phillips, and Michael Rheault will accompany those who chose to sing. Each session will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Chestnut Street Theatre in Ludlow on the following Sundays: October 29th, November 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th.

The total cost for all five sessions $40; individual sessions are $10 each. Class size will be limited so that everyone will have the opportunity to participate every week. If necessary, payment schedules can be arranged.

Please note that you do not have to be a "singer" to take full advantage of this opportunity. Your desire and willingness to "create" are the basics for making the commitment to expand/improve your craft.

For more information about this five-week workshop, please call Miss Phillips at 567-8432.

Swk. Congregational Church To Hold Annual Holly Bazaar

Southwick: The Ladies Benevolent Society of the Southwick Congregational Church will be having their Annual Holly Bazaar on Saturday, December 2nd, at 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Craftpeople are invited to rent a space to sell their crafts. Please call Barbara Koivisto, 569-5120, for more information and an application.

JERRY MILLETTE (as Arthur Pullen) and Jean Burns (as Valerie Holbrook) rehearse a scene from *"Shut Your Eyes & Think Of England,"* the upcoming production by the Encore Players.

Encore Players Ready 1989-1990 Opener

The Encore Players will open their 1989-90 season by performing *"Shut Your Eyes and Think of England."* The play is directed by Waldo Goodermote, and will be performed on October 5th, 6th, 7th, 13th, and 14th, at 8:00 p.m.; a matinee performance is scheduled for October 15th at 2:00 p.m.

"Shut Your Eyes and Think of England" is a British comedy/farce, that involves a lot of mistaken identities and personality switches, creating confusion for the characters and hilarity for the audience.

The Encore Players now perform at the MacDuffie School in Springfield. Tickets cost $6, general admission; $5, senior citizens and students. Tickets can be reserved by calling 783-1616.

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Swk. Public Library Have Gerwick Puppets

Southwick: The Southwick Public Library is pleased to announce the return of the Gerwick Puppets on October 28th, at 6:30 p.m., at the Southwick High School Auditorium. *"Inside the Haunted House"* is a story about a boy and girl who accept a dare from the neighborhood tough kid to explore the inside of an abandoned mansion. Dressed as ghosts to disguise themselves, they slowly creep inside unaware of all that awaits them.

This special Halloween showing is designed for school-aged children and their parents. Advanced tickets are on sale at the library. The donation is $1 for children; $1.50 for adults; or $5 for a family. Proceeds will go toward continued children's programming. This program is funded in part by the Massachusetts Arts Lottery, as administered by the Southwick Arts Council.

Suffield Garden Club To Host Designer Linda Lindgren

Suffield: Suffield Garden Club will meet Monday, October 2nd, at 12:30 p.m., at the Masonic Hall on Bridge Street.

Linda Lindgren, who is the author of the book *"Decorations from Nature"* and is a prize-winning floral and craft designer, will demonstrate the use of dried materials featuring garden and roadside flowers. She will discuss growing, preserving, and arranging naturals.

Suffield Woman's Club Slates Opening Meeting For Oct. 10th

Suffield: The Suffield Woman's Club will hold the first meeting of the 1989-1990 season on October 10th, at the Kent Memorial Library at 12:30 p.m.

Well-known world traveler, Ivan MacDonald will present a travelogue, "Europe for Everyone," following the business meeting.

New members are welcome. For more information, please call Eleanor Caldon, 668-5852.

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Kit and Kaboodle Productions Have *"Christmas In Oz"*

Kit and Kaboodle Productions, who ran the highly successful Suffield Summer Stage, have announced registration for a theatre workshop production of *Christmas In The Land Of Oz.*

This program will consist of Tuesday afternoon rehearsals from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., starting October 3rd, and culminating in three public performances November 24th, 25th, and 26th. Students ages 7-14 are eligible to participate. Registration is $80 for the eight-week course. The workshop will be held at Mapleton Hall, Mapleton Avenue, Suffield, Connecticut.

Christmas In The Land Of Oz has all your favorite Oz characters from Dorothy, Toto, the Scarecrow, etc., to the Wicket Witch, munchkins, and flying monkeys. PLUS! there are some neat surprises. Dorothy's search for "Christmas Spirit" and the adventures she has along the way will delight actors and audience alike. So come experience the fun of participating in live theatre.

Registration may be sent to: Kit & Kaboodle Productions, Box 215, West Suffield, Connecticut, 06093. For more information, call 1-203-668-0858 or 1-413-569-0318. This Christmas Workshop is presented in cooperation with the Suffield Players.

Tuesday Morning Music Club Looking For Bigger Audience

The Tuesday Morning Music Club invites you to join them for a year of fine musical listening. The club meets every other Tuesday, October through April, at the Esther B. Griswold Theatre for the Performing Arts on the A.I.C. campus, 1000 State Street, Springfield. For a fee of $15 one can become an associate member of the club or a performing member (after an audition) for $12 per year.

These programs are held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. Often coffee hours are had at which time one may greet the performers. There are two guest artist concerts each year, featuring soloists of outstanding ability.

This year in January the club will sponsor a Sunday afternoon special concert with Project Opera performing.

Historic Mapleton Hall Site Of Suffield Players' Tag Sale

Suffield: Donations are still being accepted for the Suffield Players' Tag Sale slated for Saturday, October 14th, for the benefit of Historic Mapleton Hall, in Suffield.

Articles being accepted for donation include such things as childrens' clothing, small kitchen appliances, dishes, books, childrens' toys, costume jewelry, records, plants, baskets, small furniture items, etc. Drop-off days are every Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., at Mapleton Hall, Mapleton Avenue, Suffield. All articles are gratefully accepted and all proceeds go to the upkeep of Historic Mapleton Hall building. Sorry, we cannot accept TV's or large appliances.

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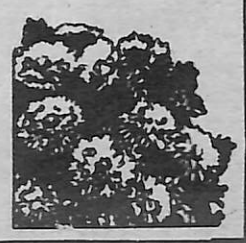

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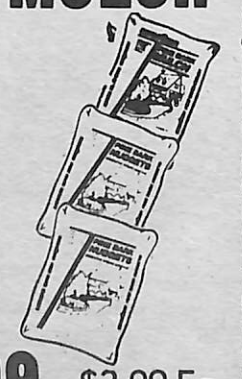

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AT THE "BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT" at the Agawam Middle School, administrators, from left - Grade 5 Guidance Counselor Alan Cohen, Grade 6 Guidance Counselor Thomas Dacey, and Vice-Principal William Sapelli. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS listen to Principal Ralph Zavarella explain the many renovations going on at the school at the Annual "Back To School" Night. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

"Back To School" For Large Number Of Middle School Parents

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

On Tuesday, September 26th, Agawam Middle School held a "Back To School Night" for parents to meet their children's teachers and learn some of the policies of the school.

Principal Ralph Zavarella greeted parents and explained that parents would follow their children's Monday schedules throughout the evening. Parents filed to the student's homeroom classes and met the teacher.

Teachers utilized this opportunity to speak generally about the curriculum and expectations throughout the year. The renovations at the school brought many commitments about the "new look when it is finished."

Administration, staff, and students have had to make many adjustments in order to work around the contractor's present jobs.

The library, auditorium, gymnasium, and entire basement floor are all presently closed because of remodeling. The staff is hoping to have the gym opened and finished by November when the weather will no longer allow for outside activities during physical education classes.

Other areas, such as the home economics, music, and workshop rooms (located in the basements) are not available. These instructors are "floating" to sixth grade classrooms on the second floor, or holding classes in the cafeteria along with band and orchestra.

"It certainly is an inconvenience, but the children and the staff have been very positive," said Zavarella. "Hopefully, it will be worth it when it is all finished. This building will have the most, aesthetically, of all the schools in Agawam," he said.

Middle School PTO President Sheryl Fleming also spoke briefly with parents while they gathered in the cafeteria at the evening program's onset.

PTO Vice-President Mary Ann Page ran a raffle to raise funds for the PTO, where parents could purchase tickets for 50 cents, or three tickets for $1.

Mrs. Page said she would like to thank the **Holiday House Gift Shop,** Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, for its donation of a lovely floral wreath; **The Yarn Shop,** North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, for the framed stitchery picture; and **The Here's My Heart Card Shop,** also in the new Galleria Shoppes, for a $20 gift certificate.

These three prizes were awarded to the winners of the raffle in the cafeteria after the "Back To School Night" was completed.

Coffee and refreshments were also served.

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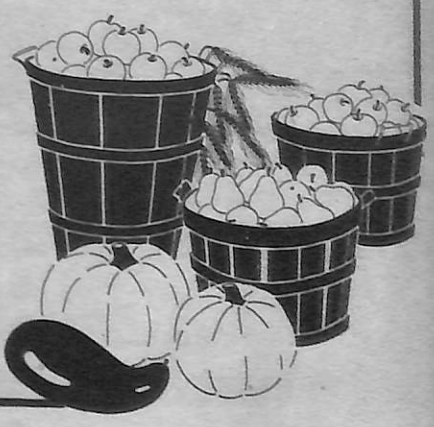

Education

Jen Daubney National Semifinalist

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Agawam High School senior Jennifer Daubney was among the names of more than 15,000 semifinalists announced in the 1990 competition for Merit Scholarships by NMSC (National Merit Scholarship Corporation) in Evanston, Illinois.

The nationwide pool of academically talented semifinalists includes about half of one percent of each state's seniors. These young people demonstrate exceptional potential for scholarly contributions and leadership that will benefit the nation in the future, according to NMSC.

AHS Guidance Counselor Jane Williams said, "Jennifer Daubney was our only semifinalist this year. She is number one in her class, a member of National Honor Society, and the AHS Band. She is a very bright and energetic young lady."

More than one million students in 19,000 U.S. high schools entered the 1990 Merit Program as juniors by taking the 1988 PSAT/NMSQT, which served as an initial screen of entrants.

Those designated semifinalists in each state are the top scorers (who must advance to the finalist level of the competition in order to be considered for Merit Scholarships).

To qualify as a finalist, Jennifer must have an outstanding academic record, must be endorsed and recommended by her principal (John Morrissey), must confirm her PSAT/NMSQT performance on the SAT, and must complete an application that includes detailed information about her scholastic and extracurricular accomplishments.

This program does not measure the quality of effectiveness of education in a state or school, but rather honors individual students who show exceptional potential for success in college.

Jennifer is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Daubney of 60 Forest Road, Agawam. She has not made a final decision on her plans after graduation from Agawam High School.

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About 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to become finalists, and more than 6,000 of these distinguished students will be awarded Merit Scholarships worth approximately $23 million.

Three types of Merit Scholarships will be awarded in 1990, supported by some 600 sponsor organizations and institutions, and by NMSC's own funds. Every finalist will have a chance to win one of 1,800 National Merit $2,000 Scholarships that are awarded on a state representational basis, according to each state's percentage of the U.S. high school senior class.

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More than 2,900 Merit Scholarships will be financed by colleges and universities; only finalists who plan to attend a sponsor college will compete for these awards, which must be used at the institution providing them.

NMSC is a not-for-profit organization whose scholarship activities are privately funded by independent program sponsors. Merit Scholars in the class of 1990 will join some 115,000 other academic champions who have been awarded Merit Scholarships worth $355 million between 1956 and 1989.

AGAWAM HIGH PRINCIPAL John Morrissey congratulates senior Jennifer Daubney for being a national semifinalist in the Merit Scholarships program. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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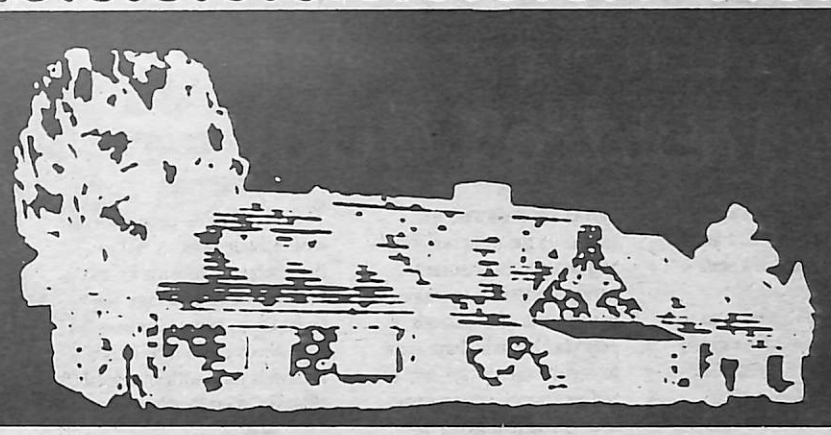

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Brett Graveline's years of musical dedication and hard work have paid off by earning this national distinction. Brett plays the snare drum in the Agawam High School Band under the direction of Darcy B. Davis.

Brett was nominated for the All-American Band on the basis of his musical honors and competitive contest ratings. Students selected to the 1989 All-American Band will be notified in early October.

Jennifer Daubney's years of musical dedication and hard work have paid off by earning this national distinction. Jennifer plays the piccolo in the Agawam High School Band under the direction of Darcy B. Davis.

Jennifer was nominated for the All-American Band on the basis of her musical honors and competitive contest ratings. Students selected to the 1989 All-American Band will be notified in early October.

The nominations were announced by Bonnie Brescani, who represents the McDonald's restaurant at 868 Suffield Street in Agawam. "It's a pleasure for us to see motivated young people get the recognition they deserve," said Ms. Brescani. "We're proud of Brett and Jennifer because only the best high school musicians in the country are nominated to the All-American Band."

This year marks McDonald's All-American Band program's 23rd year. Every year, band directors across the country are invited to nominate two of their finest musicians to the Band. From more than 4,100 nominations received, only 104 students—two from each state and the District of Columbia, plus one member each from the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico—will be selected to represent their hometowns in the All-American Band.

This year these musical All-Americans will perform in the nationally televised Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City, and participate in the filming of the McDonald's World's Largest Concert, a PBS TV special.

Selection to the All-American enables a student to be eligible for music scholarships awarded by the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston; Rice University, Houston; the National Music Camp, Interlochen, Michigan; University of Southern California, Los Angeles; and the Shenandoah College and Conservatory of Music, Winchester, Virginia.

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AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING MOHAWKS Jennifer Daubney and Brett Graveline were recently nominated to the prestigious McDonald's All-American High School Band. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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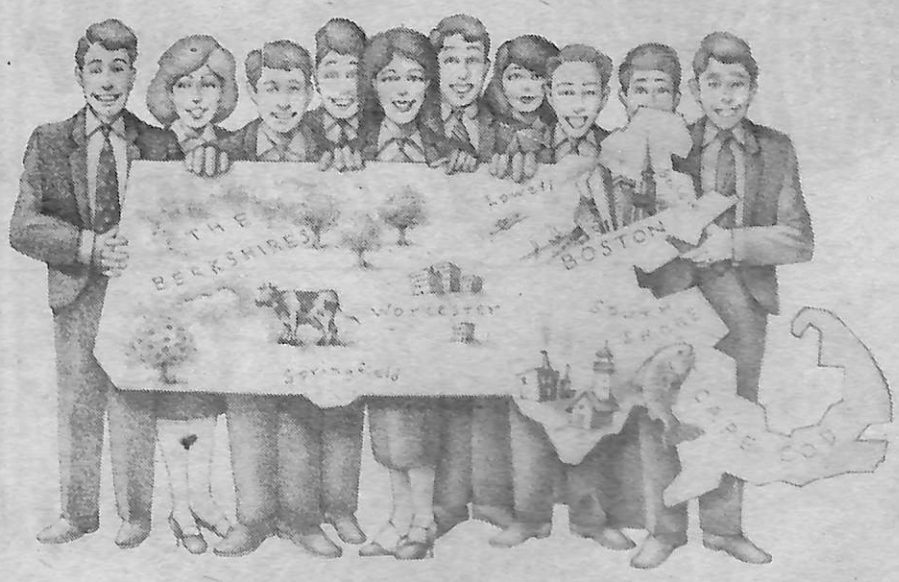

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Open House At Clark's Early Childhood Program

ATTENDING AN OPEN HOUSE for the Early Chilhood Program at James Clark School are, from left - Laura Czerpak, Debora Eggleston, Michael Eggleston, Sean Finnegan, and Robin Finnegan. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

LINDA CORLISS assists her son, David, at the Early Childhood Education Open House at James Clark School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

PLAYING IN A MINI-SANDBOX at an Open House for James Clark's Early Childhood Program. From left - Carol Libowitz, Jaime Libowitz, Moira Fitzgerald, Michael Pietroniro, and Linda Burnham (teacher). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Agawam Police Explorers Have "Indent-A'Kid" Program

On the weekends of October 14th-15th and 21st-22nd, Agawam Police Explorer Post 713, along with Waldbaum's Food Mart, will be hosting an Ident-a-Kid program in front of the Agawam Food Mart on Springfield Street. This service will be available on Saturday (14th and 21st), from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday (15th and 22nd), from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.

Parents will have the opportunity to have their children's fingerprints as well as personal information recorded on paper for their records and to aid in recovery in the event that the child is ever missing. Parents will be given the original copy of this information. No other copy will be retained by the Post or the Agawam Police Department. For further information, call the Agawam Police Department, 786-4767.

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Odyssey To London Begins For Two AHS Cheerleaders

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Agawam High School Cheerleaders **Megan McDade** and **Kerry Robinson** have received an exclusive invitation as **"UCA All Stars"** to perform at the Lord Mayor of Westminster's New Year's Day Parade in London, England.

This is a first for AHS Cheerleaders and comes as a result of winning the Universal Cheerleaders Association competition at Bryant Lake, New York, August 20th.

Megan and Kerry, along with their AHS varsity and junior varsity squad mates, took part in an intensive five-day conditioning program that included cheers, sideline instruction, and partner stunts at the New York camp.

Forty-five of the cheerleaders were chosen to take part in the "All Star" competition and 10 participants were awarded the title **"UCA All Stars."**

Upon receiving this honor, Megan and Kerry became eligible to join over 900 girls from across the country to perform in the Lord Mayor of Westminster's New Year's Day Parade and to tour London, England, from December 26th through January 2nd, 1990.

Megan and Kerry have received permission to seek donations in the amount of $3,200 to subsidize their trips. Contributions may be made to the Agawam High School Cheerleaders at Agawam High School, 760 Cooper Street, Agawwam, MA, 01001.

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Last Thursday, the Agawam Police Department surprised both students with a check in the amount of $300, presented to them at AHS. Both girls expressed delight.

Megan said, "I think we're going to make our goal. Since then, the Agawam Firemen have donated $200, and the high school has been getting a lot of phone calls regarding donations for us. It's great that so many people are supporting us. I'm really excited."

Megan lives with her parents, Edward & Brenda, and her sister, Kara (12 years-old) at 52 Vassar Road, Feeding Hills. She added, "This is one of the greatest opportunities I have ever had, both in and out of school. Even trying to earn the money when Kerry and I go out to talk with the local business people is an experience in itself."

Kerry, who lives with her mother, Noreen, at 521 South West Street, Feeding Hills, said, "I am very proud to be a part of the AHS Cheerleaders. We work real hard from June to March. The coach, Miss Stacie Fancy, and Junior Varsity coach, Miss Karen Blair, and the whole squad are great. Everyone is being so supportive.

"We are even going to try to cheer at some of the soccer and field hockey games this year. Maybe winning this competition and all this publicity will help people to recognize cheerleading as the sport that it is," said Kerry.

Cheerleading practice takes place each day after school, except Wednesdays. Megan is also involved with the AHS Parent/Teacher/Student Organization (PTSO), *Sachem* Yearbook staff, and the Peer Leadership program.

She is a member of the AHS National Honor Society and volunteers two or three times a week to help out in the secondary development classroom during her studies. She works part-time at Papa Gino's, too.

Kerry is also a member of S.A.D.D. (Students Against Drunk Driving), Show Choir, *Sachem* Yearbook staff, and is on the Prom Committee. She does professional modeling (part-time) through La Femmina of East Longmeadow, and she works at Chez Josef.

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The two seniors' trips to London will include a day-by-day itinerary of Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament, the Tower of London, St. Paul's Cathedral, and a guided tour of Westminister Abbey.

They will cruise the Thames River, visit Hyde Park, Trafalgar Square, and walk to the favorite residence of the Royal Family at the Windsor Castle. They will also travel to the famous Oxford University and view Shakespeare's Birthplace and Grammar School, along with a trip to the theatre and many, many other places of interest.

On New Year's Day, Megan and Kerry will complete their participation in the Lord Mayor's Parade. They will depart from London on Tuesday morning, January 2nd.

With the assistance of a caring community, Megan and Kerry will partake in an adventure that will surely be remembered for many years. As **UCA All Stars,** they are to be congratulated on their honor and achievements to date. We wish them the best of luck.

AGAWAM POLICE ASSOCIATION MEMBERS Ronald Brown (left) and Joseph Dymon made a surprise visit to Agawam High School last week to present Agawam High Cheerleaders Megan McDade and Kerry Robinson with a check for $300 to be put towards their anticipated trip to London in December. The donation represents 10 percent of the total the girls need. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Megan McDade And Kerry Robinson

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MEGAN MCDADE

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Let's Help AHS To Be Represented In Jolly Ole England

MEMBERS OF THE Children's School in Feeding Hills went on their Annual Event trip to Cincotta Farms in Feeding Hills and the neighboring Springfield Street Fire Station in late September. Laura Cincotta, owner, greeted the kids at the farm. Firefighters greeted the group at the fire station. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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HAPPY COLUMBUS DAY from the STAFF

AIC Invites Parents To Homecoming '89

A little sports, a little culture, a little academics and a lot of food and recreation. Those are the highlights on the bill of fare when American International College holds both Parents' Day and Homecoming '89 the weekend of October 13th-15th.

Parents' Day will be held Saturday, October 14th, by the AIC Office of Development. The activities are designed to allow students and their parents to sample some of the various aspects that make up college life. Parents will get to meet with the professors and to take a look at what goes on in the classroom via faculty-conducted mini-courses. Parents can meet and talk with AIC President Harry J. Courniotes at 9:45 a.m. in the West Wing of the Karen Sprague Cultural Arts Center before an 11:30 a.m. brunch in the Dining Commons. The price for the brunch is $6.50 for adults and $5 for children under 10. Reservations for the brunch should be made by Friday, October 6th.

Sports will also be featured throughout the day as Parents' Day and Homecoming festivities overlap. All attendees are invited to watch the AIC men's varsity soccer team take on the Stonehill College Chieftains in the AIC park at 10:30 a.m. The sports will continue at 1:00 p.m. when the Yellow Jackets meet the University of New Haven squad on the John Homer Miller Field.

A steak dinner in the Dining Commons will wind up the day's activities. The cost for the dinner is $5.50 for adults and $4 for children under 10. For more information about Parents' Day, contact the AIC Office of Development, 737-7000, extension 415.

Homecoming '89 gets under way Friday, October 13th. The weekend will offer something for the sports-minded and arts-oriented alike. The sports begin Friday at 6:30 p.m. when an alumnae volleyball team takes on the varsity squad. The Berkshire Ballet will kick off the arts with the performance of a "Repertory Concert" Friday night in the Esther B. Griswold Theatre for the Performing Arts at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday will feature a host of sports activities from softball to soccer and football beginning at 9:00 a.m. A tailgate picnic at 11:30 a.m. and a homecoming float parade down Maynard Street to the John Homer Miller Field will precede the AIC-University of New Haven football game at 1:00 p.m. At 4:30 p.m., alumni will gather in Reed Estate for a reception.

The weekend will close with a performance of "Educating Rita" at StageWest at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. The Springfield Chapter of the Alumni Association is selling tickets for a group of alumni to attend the performance.

For more information about Homecoming '89, contact the AIC Office of Alumni Relations, 737-7000, extension 220.

The Children's School Visits Cincotta's Farms, Fire Station

The Children's School in Feeding Hills went on their Annual Field Trip to the Agawam Fire Station and Cincotta's Farm.

The children were given a tour of the ambulance and were shown how the fire equipment is used.

Each child was given a coloring book on fire safety.

Mrs. Cincotta gave the children a tour of her fruit and vegetable stand.

The children picked-out their own pumpkins followed by eating apples for snacks.

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Mayor First Signature On AEA's Petition On "Day Of Conscience"

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson was the first signature solicited by Agawam Education Association (AEA) President Gail Dion for the Massachusetts Teachers Association-proposed state Constitutional Amendment Initiative Petition.

Johnson signed the petition which endorsed full support of quality education across the state on Monday, October 2nd. The date was significant because it had been designated a statewide "Day of Conscience For Public Education."

AEA teachers launched their drive to gather over 600 signatures in Agawam at that time. Throughout the day, educators wore "Save Public Education" badges.

In the evening, a delegation of AEA members attended a mass rally at Springfield Central High School to call attention to the crisis in educational funding throughout Massachusetts.

AEA President Gail Dion has circulated petitions in Agawam through private businesses and PTOs. She said, "I must collect all the petitions and present them to City Clerk Richard Theroux by mid-October. Each signature must be a registered voter in Agawam and must be verified by the City Clerk's office."

She said, "Statewide, we need 60,000 signatures because this is a Constitutional Amendment." The amendment was filed by the 68,000 member Massachusetts Teachers Association and will appear on the 1992 statewide ballot.

Mrs. Dion does not feel there will be "any problem gathering this amount of signatures," but asks that concerned parents and citizens please take the time to sign the petition.

"Our Constitutional Amendment will form the philosophical foundation for a long-standing commitment to public education in Massachusetts," she said.

A copy of the MTA-proposed Constitutional Amendment was posted in the teachers' room at each of the Agawam schools during the "Day of Conscience."

There was also a fact sheet about taxation and spending, the effect of budget cuts on Massachusetts public kindergarten through 12th grade education, and on Massachusetts public higher education funding posted.

Johnson has made a commitment to give education his priority in Agawam, "but we must join teachers across the state in an effort to have Massachusetts make a financial commitment statewide to quality education. The very future of Massachusetts depends on a well-educated public," added Mrs. Dion.

AGAWAM EDUCATION ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT Gail Dion watches as Mayor Christopher C. Johnson signs the first petition passed around on the statewide "Day of Conscience for Public Education" on October 2nd. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Henry A. Kozloski At Kennedy Space Center

On Thursday, October 12th, from Launch Complex 39, Pad B, at Kennedy Space Center in Florida, the Galileo spacecraft will begin its long journey to the planet Jupiter via the Space Shuttle Atlantis.

Henry A. Kozloski of 102 Meadow Street, Agawam, a science teacher at West Springfield High School, has been invited to witness this launch first-hand along with other educators attending the Galileo Launch Educators' Conference. This invitation from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory comes following Kozloski's participation this past summer in NASA's space education workshop at Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland.

The Galileo spacecraft is one of the most sophisticated planetary exploration vehicles ever built. The Galileo Project, a NASA spacecraft mission to Jupiter, is designed to become the first orbiter and atmospheric probe for any of the outer planets.

For the first time, direct measurements will be made from an instrumented probe within Jupiter's atmosphere. In addition, long-term observations of Jupiter, its magnetosphere, and its satellites from an orbit around the planet will be conducted. On its way to Jupiter, Galileo will make observations of Venus and the Earth-Moon system.

Ag. Parents Advisory Council On Special Ed. Slates Meeting

The Agawam Parents Advisory Council for Special Education will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, October 11th, at 7:00 p.m., in the Agawam Junior High School cafeteria (teachers' lounge).

Guest speakers for the evening will be Jane Murphy, Pam Jones, and Barbara Connery, educational programmers for the elementary, middle, junior high, and high school special education students. Also scheduled is Kathleen Gorski, speech/language pathologist-programmer.

Discussion will center around educational testing, speech/language testing, and the development of the student's educational plan.

All parents are encouraged to attend this very important meeting and to take advantage of the opportunity to meet with the special education staff responsible for writing their child's individual educational plan.

John Brosnan, Ph.D., director of Special Education, will discuss the changes in the special education department for the current school year.

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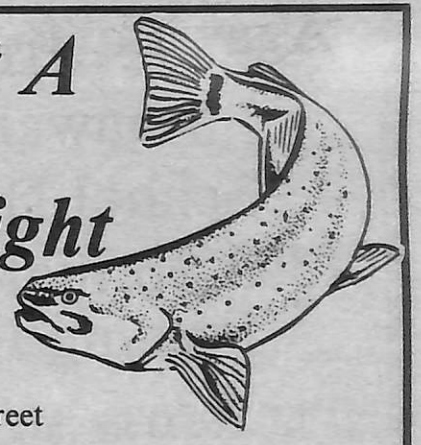

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Wednesday, October 11th: Rotini macaroni with meatsauce, Italian bread and butter, seasoned green beans, chilled pears, milk.

Thursday, October 12th: Pizza burger on roll with cheese, Mexicali corn, applecrisp, milk.

Friday, October 13th: Sweet sausage sandwich in roll with tomato sauce and cheese, tossed garden salad with dressing, fruit cup or ice cream cup, milk.

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Carol Quink Receives "Smith Book Award"

by Iris Copson
School Dept. Editor

Carol Quink was presented the "Smith Book Award" as an outstanding Agawam High School junior.

Smith College recognizes the achievements of a student from the top 10th of the junior class each year who embodies certain qualities and serves as an example of scholarship and caring contribution to society.

Carol was recommended as a nominee because she exemplified academic achievement, leadership qualities, and a concern for others.

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Carol is one of three daughters of Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Quink, residing at 27 Sequoia Drive, Feeding Hills.

The Quinks have a son, Gregory, who graduated from Agawam High School in 1988. Carol's older sister, Christine, is a senior at the high school, and her younger sister, Kelly, is a sophomore.

AGAWAM HIGH PRINCIPAL John Morrissey presents the "Smith College Book Award" to junior Carol Quink, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Quink. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Joelle Dion Receives Skookum Award

Joelle Dion, daughter of Eva & James Dion of Feeding Hills received the "Skookum Award" from the Western New England College Alumni Association at the annual alumni breakfast banquet, Saturday, September 23rd.

The Skookum Award is presented to those students demonstrating a commitment to excellence through academic standards, athletics, professionalism, or community service. Dion is one of 21 recipients this year.

Ms. Dion is a senior at Western New England College.

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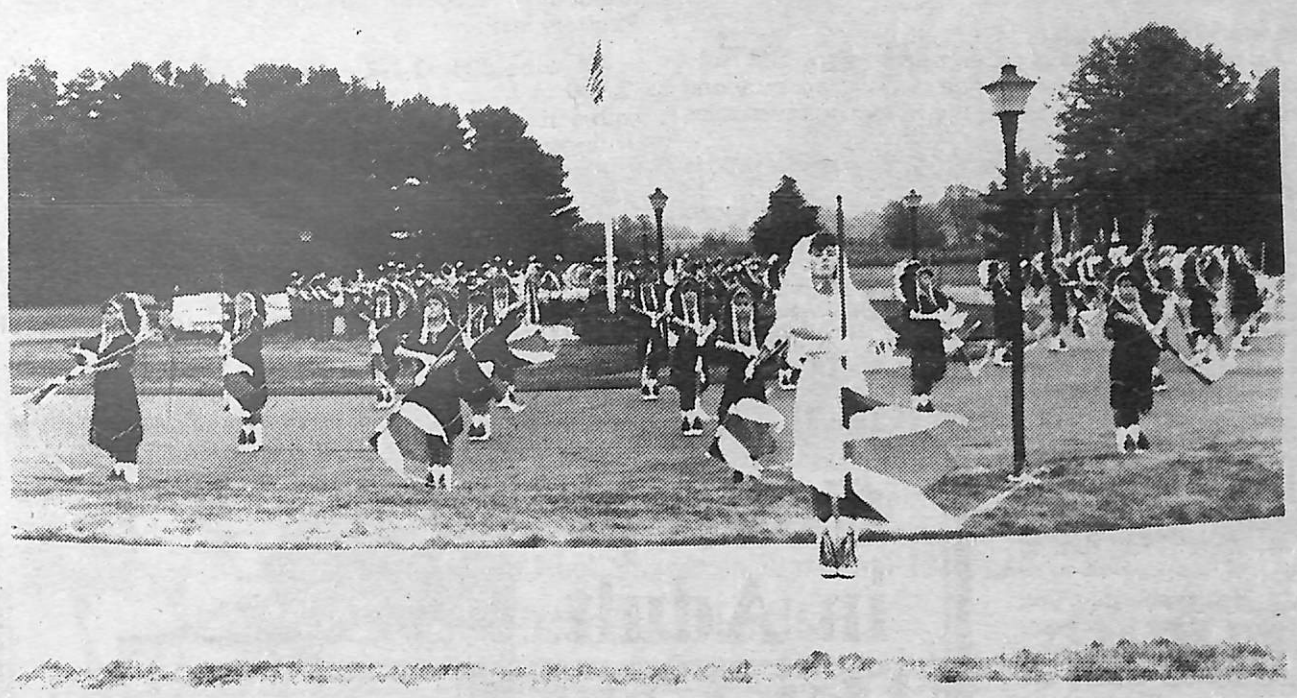
DRUM MAJOR SARAH WHITE leads the Agawam High Marching Mohawks in several sections in front of the Massachusetts Building at the recent Big E. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



COLOR GUARD CAPTAIN LISA DAVIES leads the flag line in the AHS Marching Mohawks' performance at Heritage Hall. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH COLOR GUARD perform at Heritage Hall Nursing Home last month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Mohawks Take First Place At North Adams Parade

The Agawam High School Marching Mohawks again took the first place in the Small Band Division at the North Adams Fall Foliage Parade on Sunday, October 1st.

This marks the third time they have received this award in the three years they have participated in this event. Band classes for this parade are divided into large and small bands with 60 musicians being the dividing point.

Mohanason High School from Rotterdam, New York, regained the "Flaming Leaves Trophy" which goes to the highest scoring band regardless of size. Their nearly 100 musicians proved a little too much for the Marching Mohawks to overtake this year as they had last year.

The second highest scoring band in the parade was Lewis Mills from Connecticut who also marched around 100 musicians, and they were seven-tenths of a point ahead of Agawam's 40 musicians.

Agawam's score of 87.66 led the small division by a good margin with other participating groups being Pittsfield High with 76.3; Johnstown, New York with 75.0; Monument Mountain of Great Barrington with 67.3; Drury High School with 65.0; and Mt. Everett High with 57.6.

In the Large Band Division, Mohanason scored 93.6, Lewis Mills, 88.3, Ichabod Crane of Amsterdam, New York, 87.3, and Middleburgh of New York State, 78.3.

This weekend, the Marching Mohawks will participate in the Springfield Columbus Day Parade on Sunday afternoon and the Woonsocket, Rhode Island Autumnfest Parade on Monday morning.

In the detailed scoring for the North Adams parade, Agawam received one of their highest marks ever in the marching area with a perfect 30 out of 30 in showmanship and an overall 98 out of 100 points in the marching area. The two music judges gave them scores of 87 and 78 with the three marks being averaged for the overall score.

Agawam High Guidance Report...

The following information was given to all seniors during an orientation program in their English classes at the beginning of the school year. It should be used as a guide in planning your child's senior year.

Each senior will have received an interview by his counselor by November 1st, 1989. If you have any questions concerning this material or your son's/daughter's future, please see his/her guidance counselor.

CHECKLIST FOR SENIORS

I. APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

A. All applications to institutions of higher learning will be processed in the guidance office. A completed application along with the application fee (if required) must be given to the guidance counselor. A stamped addressed envelope to the institution must be included. We **do not provide** postage. Any teacher recommendations must be handled by the student. The student's counselor recommendation will be included with the transcript.

B. Request for transcripts begins after the first marking period.

II. COLLEGE INFORMATION:

A. Research colleges that have your desired program.

B. College catalogs are available for your personal use in the guidance office—can be taken overnight.

C. Applications for local and state colleges are available in the guidance office. Must mail for others.

D. Recommend that student applies to three colleges (one a longshot, one in the middle, one a sure thing).

E. College conferences—The guidance office bulletin lists the names of colleges that will be visiting our school. Sign-up in the guidance office for the desired conference. Pick-up the pass on the day of the conference.

F. If unable to attend the conference, read the college catalog and write to the school. Be on the lookout for College Nights (October—big month, Cathedral and Holyoke Community College).

G. Check with college to see what kind of CEEB tests are required. Consult with your guidance counselor.

H. CLEP exams. AP exams.

I. Visit interested colleges in the fall.

III. GUIDANCE BULLETIN:

Guidance Bulletin is very important. It is the communication link between the student and his/her counselor. It is posted in every classroom and office (including the guidance office), every Friday. It lists information regarding **College Conferences, Scholarships, Open Houses, SAT's,** etc.

IV. FINANCIAL AID:

A. F.A.F. (Financial Aid Form) not available until December—cannot be filed with CSS until January 1st, 1990.

B. Mass. State Scholarship Programs.

C. Scholarships—on-going will be listed on the guidance bulletin. The majority of local scholarships will be advertised in March.

D. Regional, State, and National Scholarships listed on the guidance bulletin board.

E. Loans—check with the bank parents do business with.

V. COMPUTER INFORMATION SYSTEMS

College Counsel

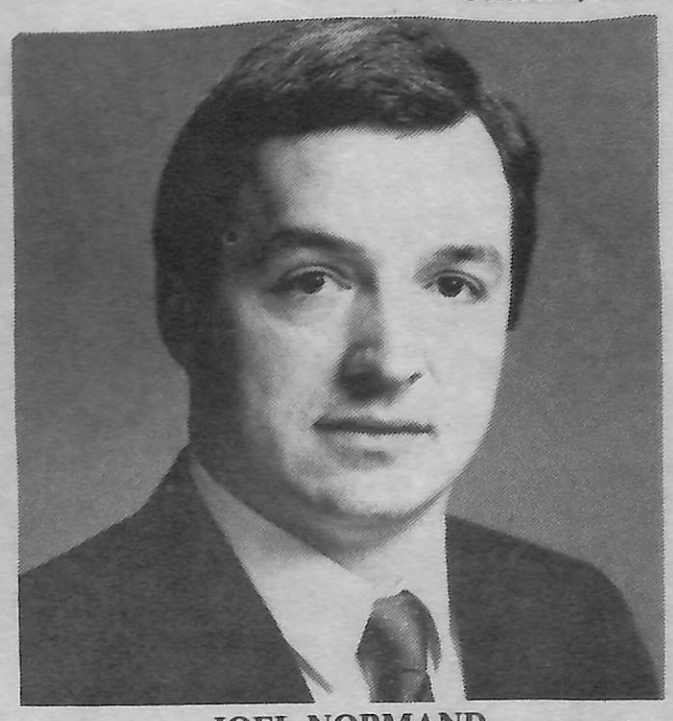
Located in the guidance office—use is restricted to those students aspiring to a four-year college. See your counselor regarding its use.

VI. RELEASE FORMS:

Your transcript will not be sent to a college, school, or an employer, unless you sign the release form.

VII. BIOGRAPHICAL SHEET:

Must be submitted before senior interview takes place.



JOEL NORMAND

Joel Normand Finishes Realty Course II

Joel Normand of Feeding Hills has successfully completed Course II of the 1989 Realtors Institute of Massachusetts held recently at the Quality Inn in Chicopee, according to Massachusetts Association of Realtors President, Patricia Pingree, GRI, CRB.

The Association sponsors institutes throughout the year for realtors and realtor-associates as part of its continuing education program. Upon completion of three 30-hour courses, institute participants receive the nationally recognized designation GRI (Graduate, Realtors Institute).

Of over 82,000 GRIs nationwide, there are over 2,500 in Massachusetts. The institute includes such subjects as residential construction and design, listings, pricing property, marketing, law, finance, ethics, management, advertising, real estate calculator, and governmental affairs. Some 300 persons attended the institute.

Joel Normand is associated with Fullam & Fullam Realty, 120 Elm Street, West Springfield.

Think Of Kids' Safety, Especially Now!!!

"Think of children traveling to and from school the next time you reach for your car keys," says Jeanine Keyes-Plante, director of Marketing and Public Affairs for the 70,000 member Pioneer Valley division of the American Automobile Association. "School's open, and the key to a safe walk or bike ride to or from school is a motoring public that makes the safety of our children its foremost concern."

AAA of Pioneer Valley reminds motorists not to expect youngsters to make all the correct safety decisions.

"Children are not small adults," Keyes-Plante said. "For example, their ability to judge the speed and distance of approaching vehicles is not yet fully developed. They may have difficulty estimating how long it will take for an object to reach them. A lack of ability to determine the source of sounds further compounds the risks involved when young pedestrians interact with traffic."

Keyes-Plante noted that children who have never been exposed to danger can have a distorted view of reality. "A six year-old might believe that a car can simply be stopped in its path. It's important to look at traffic situations from a child's point of view."

Classroom education can help make the daily school journey a safe one. According to Keyes-Plante, however, the efforts of educators will not be fully effective without the cooperation of automobile drivers.

"Adults can help prevent accidents involving school children by being especially alert wherever youngsters walk or gather in the community," she said. "Remember, the driver holds the key to safety."

The "School's Open—Drive Carefully" message is being conveyed by AAA clubs across the country. The motor and travel club's annual campaign includes the distribution of posters, bumper strips, and newspaper and magazine announcements. Nationwide, AAA will distribute more than 1,500,000 pieces of material during the 1989 campaign.

As part of the School's Open campaign, The Auto Club of Pioneer Valley suggests that parents and teachers review with children the following seven rules for safe walking:

1) Stop and look in all directions. Be sure the road is clear of traffic before crossing.

2) Cross streets only at corner crosswalks. Motorists do not anticipate children in the middle of a block. Never cross between parked cars. Many accidents occur when children suddenly dart out from between parked vehicles.

3) Cross on the proper signal only. Observe and obey directions from all crossing guards, safety patrol students and traffic signals.

4) Watch for turning cars.

5) Be seen at night. Always carry or wear reflective materials after dark to help drivers see you.

6) Where there is no sidewalk and it is necessary to walk in the roadway, walk on the left side facing traffic. Motorists have a better view of pedestrians who walk on the left side of the street.

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ON SEPTEMBER 19th, the Agawam Counseling Center held its Annual Board/Staff Pot Luck Dinner at the home of President Renee Piccoli. Pictured above are board members, from left - Bill Quinn, Dale Miller, Rene Piccoli, and Tom O'Keefe. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AGAWAM COUNSELING CENTER board members, from left - George Hellquist, Mike Serafino, Jack Magovern, Rene Piccoli (president), Mike Haynes, Art Gallerani, and Don Smith attended the Annual Meeting/Pot Luck Supper on September 19th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ag. Counseling Center Has Many Programs

Parents' Support Group

The Agawam Counseling Center announces the formation of a Parents' Support Group. We will share concerns about the day-to-day struggles of parenting, discuss effective ways to discipline, and work towards fostering the self-esteem of children.

This group will be held on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., beginning October 30th. For more information, call Chris Schmidt or Julie Weinstein at Agawam Counseling Center, 786-6410.

The Center is located at 30 Southwick Street (Route 57), Feeding Hills.

Childrens' Group

The Agawam Counseling Center will be offering an after-school group for children of parents who are separated or divorced. Boys and girls (ages 10-12) will be encouraged to talk about their concerns or feelings related to this disruption in their lives and will learn new coping skills. The group will begin the last week of October and will last for 10 weeks.

If you are interested in learning more about this group, call Constance Leslie or Chris Schmidt, 786-6410.

Women's Therapy Group

The Agawam Counseling Center is now accepting new members for a women's therapy group. The focus of the group is interpersonal relationships. It is held on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., at the Center.

For more information, please contact Constance Leslie, 786-6410.

LEGAL NOTICE **LEGAL NOTICE**

TOWN OF AGAWAM
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1989 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of WILLIAM AND ELLEN BUONICONTI who are seeking a Special Use Permit Exception to the Zoning Ordinance in accordance with Section 20-11 to allow the operation of a studio for the purpose of teaching music lessons at the premises identified as 41 PINEVIEW CIRCLE.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Ronald LaRiviere, Chairman

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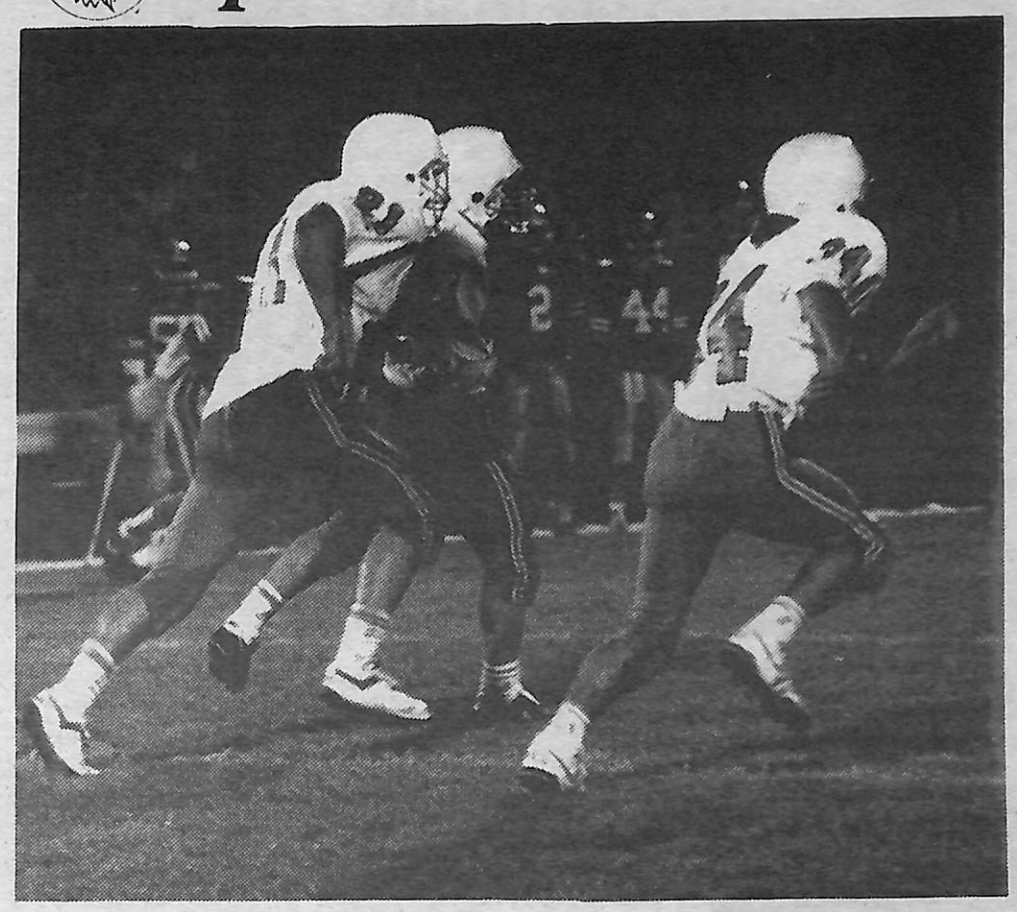
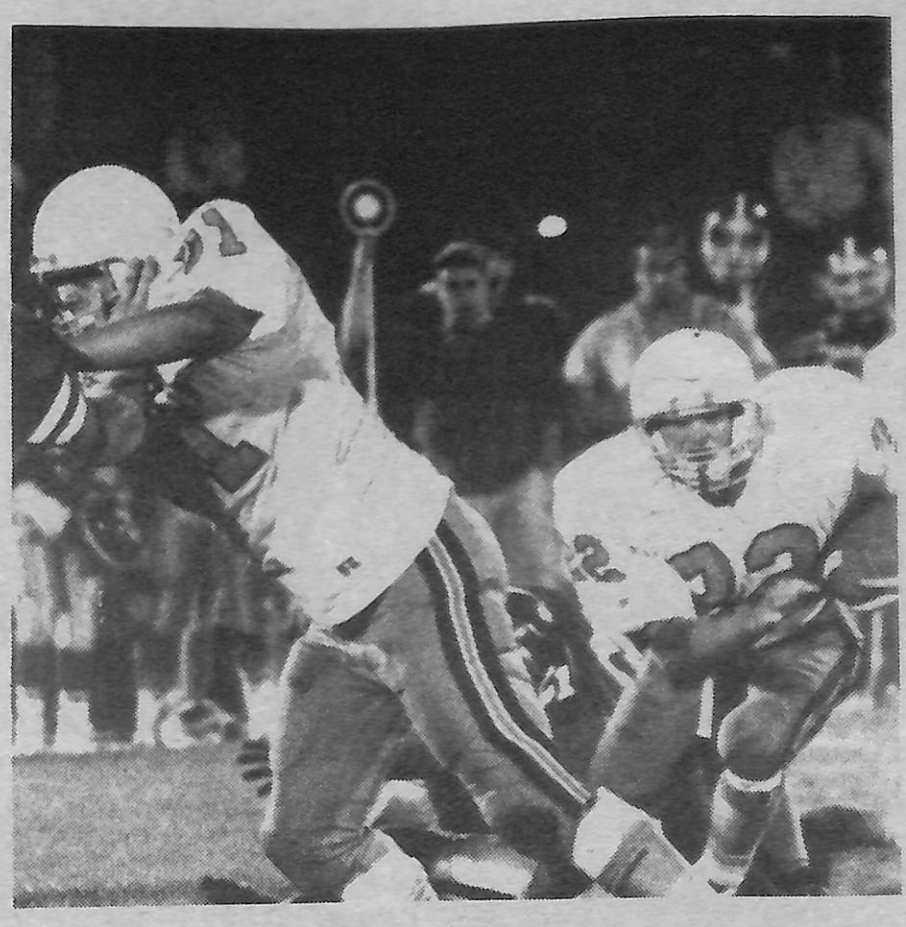


THREE BROWNIES HEAD UPFIELD during first half action vs. the Holyoke Purple Knights last Friday night. The Brownies won, 15-8. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LEADING THE WAY FOR A GOOD GAIN by tailback Jason Wooley (22) vs. Holyoke's Purple Knights last Friday night at Harmon Smith Field is senior tight end Joe Modzelewski (21). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AHS Opens AA Conference With 15-8 Win Over Holyoke's Purple Knights

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Mona! Mona! Remember that guy in the commercial as he was shaving in his bathroom mirror? It was a "Right Guard" commercial about 10 years ago. It got a lot of notoriety.

Right guards don't generally get a lot of notoriety at any level of football. My friends, Agawam High School rode the splendid effort of its sophomore right guard, Stuart McGregor, to a 15-8 win over Holyoke High in the AA Conference opener for both schools at Harmon A. Smith Field in Agawam last Friday night.

McGregor, 5'9" 160, doesn't seem big enough to play on the interior line. Well he must be. He is so quick and talented that he owned Holyoke defensive tackle Tom Sheehan most of the evening.

On Agawam's opening possession, newly-activated Mike Malanson returned the kickoff to Agawam's 43 yard line. Good field position on a terrific night to play football.

Coach Joe Modzelewski sent his sophomore quarterback, Steve Moccio, into the game for his third consecutive start. For good measure, he sent Jason Wooley and Shaun Smith and the big offensive line with him.

Eight plays later, the Brownies found the end zone. Seven of those plays were over right guard. Wooley picked up 41 yards along the way, the final 20 coming on the touchdown run. Malanson kicked the point and Agawam led 7-0.

Holyoke showed the Brownies that this would be no cakewalk with its opening drive. John Benjamin pounded the Purple Knights on the first two plays. He stopped talented sophomore running back Mike Westbrooks for a one yard gain on first down and he sacked senior quarterback Tom Woods on second down.

Westbrooks picked up the first down on fourth and short at the Agawam 44. Holyoke then scored a touchdown on a 36-yard swing pass to Westbrooks, but, for the second consecutive week, Agawam was spared the six due to a Holyoke clip. The Knights had to punt. It was a beauty that pinned the Brownies on their own five.

Agawam was unable to move and it cost them. Holyoke now owned field position at Agawam's 36. It took them only five plays to score, with Westbrooks doing the honors from the three.

The Knights faked the extra point and Sheehan, the kicker, took a deliberate high snap and hit Sean O'Connell for two. The Knights led, 8-7. There was seven seconds showing on the first quarter clock.

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The second quarter was scoreless, and as the teams headed for the locker room, Holyoke had the lead and the knowledge that they would receive the second half kickoff.

Holyoke showed size and speed in the backfield in the first half. Westbrooks, Tim Wright, and Jermaine Thomas had all shown flashes in the first half. It wouldn't have surprised too many people if they broke a long gainer before the night was through.

In addition, Woods showed that he had an excellent and accurate arm. He was victimized several times by dropped passes.

There was good news on the Agawam side, as well. Moccio had thrown several incompletions in the first half. That's the bad news. The good news was that they were tight spirals that were thrown quite a distance up the field.

Fans on both sides of the field were eagerly anticipating the second half. Both teams put on pretty decent drives to start third quarter action. Holyoke had a 10-play drive stalled when last week's hero, Matt Gibby, sacked Woods and forced a punt. Agawam had an eight play drive go by the boards when Moccio overthrew Joe Modzelewski on fourth and six from the Holyoke 24.

The ball went over to Holyoke on downs. With 3:35 left in the third quarter, the Purple Knights offense trotted onto the field.

At 3:28, they trotted back off the field. They fumbled on the initial play and sophomore tackle George Ghareeb recovered the ball for the Brownies. Agawam had it at Holyoke's 25.

On second down, Moccio completed a square in pattern to Brian Robinson at about the 12-yard line. Robinson ducked the tackler and sprinted to the two. Three plays later, Wooley went over McGregor and Gibby for the go ahead score, 13-8.

Moccio then hit Modzelewski wide open in the left corner for the two points. Agawam had the lead, 15-8.

With 11:03 left in the game, Agawam had the ball on its own eight facing a first and 17 due to an unsportsmanlike conduct call against the Brownies. Moccio almost converted it when he hit Modzelewski just short of the sticks on the right sideline. Modzelewski went for it from the 24. Wooley was stopped short. Uh oh.

It did look like trouble for the home team. It didn't work out that way. Holyoke's unraveling came immediately. Left tackle Mike Barrett went one count early and that backed the Knights up five to the 29.

The Modge and Jeremy Powell combined to spill Thomas for a four-yard loss to the 33. Woods then threw two incompletions and the Brownies got the ball back.

The Brownies chewed-up four and a half minutes with the Wooley/Shaun Smith show on the ground. Then Malanson in one of the night's biggest plays got off a booming punt that took about four days to fall to the earth.

When it did, it took an Agawam bounce and it was downed at the eight. Holyoke would have to go 92 yards to tie and there was only 3:49 to play in the game.

Then Brian Robinson made another big play. He stole his second interception of the night and returned it to the Holyoke five-yard line.

Malanson pulled a 22 yard FG attempt wide left and Holyoke had one final gasp from its own 20 with 2:07 to go. Woods hit a nice pass to Lonnie Washington who executed the hook and lateral play beautifully to Westbrooks. The Brownies got him at the Holyoke 36.

That was the last advancement Holyoke was to make. Four incompletions later, the Brownies took over and ran out the clock.

"It was a big night for our sophomores—Moccio and McGregor; another great night for Gibby, Wooley, Smith, and Robinson and it was special to see my son score his first two varsity points," summed-up Modzelewski after the game.

With that, he left the field to go get some Chinese food. Some Friday nights are better than others.

NOTES: That was Mike Malanson not Mike Briggs who fumbled the long snap in punt formation in the Amherst Game. Agawam plays at Central on Saturday, October 7th...Kickoff at 1:30 p.m.

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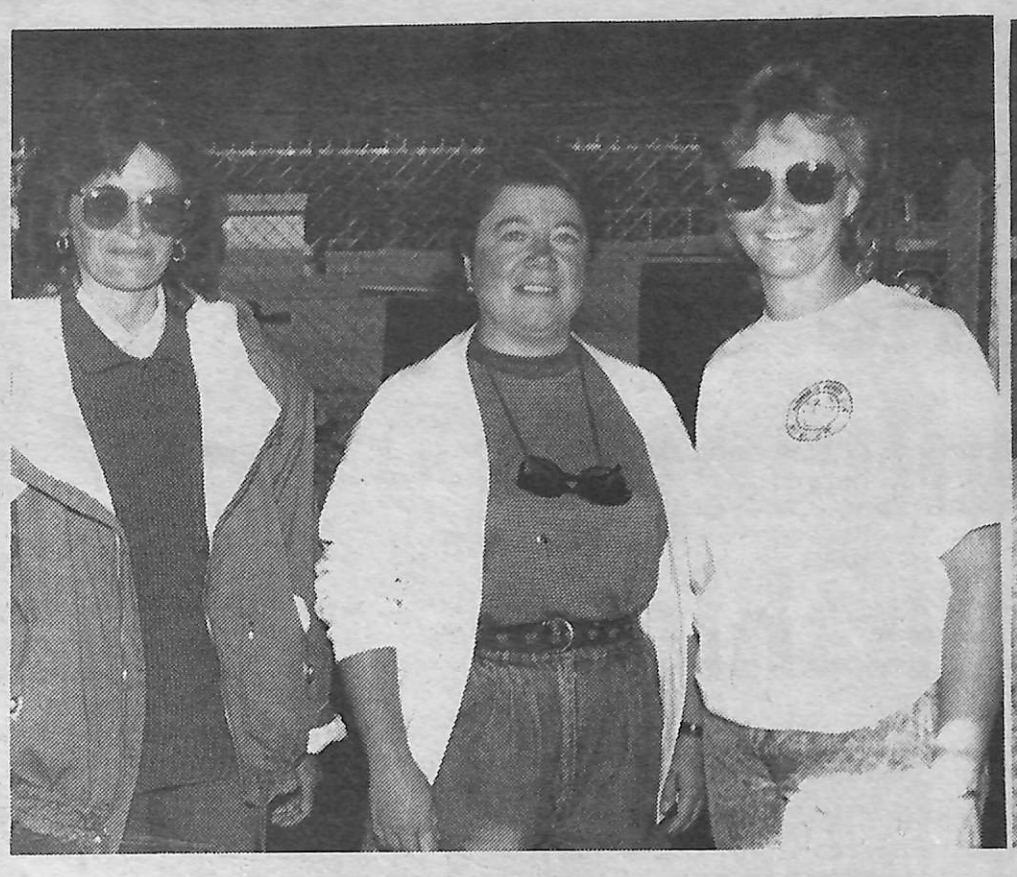
ASA Soccer Jamboree Held Last Sunday



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB were the chief cooks and refreshment-servers at last Sunday's big Soccer Jamboree sponsored by the Agawam Soccer Association at Harmon Smith Field. From left - Kathy Davis, Grace Tilden, Ann Woodard, Rosalie Dialessi, Pat Belisle, and Ellen Janik. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

THE ORANGE CRUSH are in action and young Katelyn Tierney isn't impressed with the play on the field. Holding her is proud dad Tom Tierney. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

THE ACTION WAS FAST AND FURIOUS when the Orange Crush played the Light Blues last Sunday at Harmon Smith Field. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

IN PHOTO LEFT, an Agawam Soccer Association player moves the ball upfield; IN PHOTO RIGHT, Brad Theriaque (right) practices his dribbling while Adam Mouneimneh (left) looks on. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Bob Johnson On Sports...

Baseball Sure Can Be Complicated - At Times...

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

A lot of times our minds wander. Then from out of nowhere you are locked and focused on a thought that has been in there a million times before.

Your mind wanders no more. You are leading off second base with two outs in the bottom of the ninth. You must concentrate. The score is tied. Your run is the one that sends the partisans home happy.

It is an important run. It is not the World Series. Nor the playoffs. It's a baseball game, though, and all baseball games are important. You have a lot of things to think about. Lots of responsibility.

Two outs. Go on anything. Wait...if it's hit to the shortstop or third baseman, I may hold. I'm not forced over there.

He's got a great arm in right field; I should score easily on a single to center. It's awfully close here in left field. He's only got an average arm. He might get me if it's hit right at him.

I'll challenge all three of them. I don't want it to take two basehits to score me. I'm going to be doing some high fives over by the dugout in just a second.

I want to get a good lead; not too big so that I might be leaning back toward second; a nice comfortable lead so that I may save a step.

I have to remember to cut the corner of the third base bag. I don't want to take a big wide turn over there.

The catcher is tough. He'll get right down and dirty with me. I'll want to think aggressively as I arrive at the plate. Stay within myself. Run hard, run aggressively. Take a normal stride. It's been raining and there is liable to be some slick spots out there.

If the ball is hit behind me, watch the coach. Don't look into the outfield, it'll cost me an extra second. He's a good coach. He makes his decision early. There is no indecision as I make my way to third and beyond. I have confidence in him.

Jones is coming up. Let me see, he's 1-3 tonight. But he's hit two line drives right at people. Jones hits the ball to left and left-center a lot. I'll visualize a ball in that area. If he hits it hard to the leftfielder, they might get me. I have to get an extra step on my lead without getting careless.

They may walk him to set up a force. If they do, I can run on anything. Williams is up after Jones. He's slumping. I wonder if they would bring in the left-hander...

Yeah, it's baseball season 12 months a year. I don't care if you play it for free or for $2.4 million a year. If you are playing it, you are playing it at your highest level that you can achieve.

Nobody dogs it. Not Darryl Strawberry. Not Rickey Henderson. Not Wade Boggs. Sometimes these guys get razzed for not running a ball out. If we stop for a second, we can figure out why that happens.

You want to hit a double to the gap in left center. The pitcher jams you. You thought you had your pitch. You take a ferocious cut at the ball and hit a one hopper to the second baseman. Foiled again. You expected a much better result. You are stunned for a second. You do not run as fast as normal. You are out by a mile at first. The boos cascade down from the stands. I can see both sides; I understand.

You absolutely cannot play baseball and not concentrate at a very high level. It is not boring. It is brilliant. The best game ever invented. It's time for The Playoffs and The Series.

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There won't be any "B" on any helmets. You'll find nary an "NY" either. It will be great though; it always is. We don't know the story line yet. There will be one, perhaps two. Andre Dawson. Ryne Sandberg. Kevin Mitchell. Rick Reuschel. Will the Thrill. George Bell. Tony Fernandez. The elbow bashers from the Coast. Chips. Popcorn. A beer or two. Good old 99 and 44/100 percent pure baseball.

Incidentally, they pitched to Jones. He popped up. They went 16 innings. Jones dropped a flyball that opened the floodgates. We lost by five runs. Aaaah, baseball. We'll get them tomorrow.

Fitness First & S.T.A.R.T. Sponsor Body Building Tourney

Fitness First Racquet and Fitness Center and S.T.A.R.T. Sports Medical Center, Feeding Hills, will be cosponsoring the popular Atlantic States Body Building Championships for 1989 on Sunday, October 8th. It will be the first time the event will be held in Western Massachusetts.

The contest will be held at Agawam High School with the pre-judging at 1:00 p.m., and the finals are at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the door and are $15 which covers both the pre-judging and the final show.

Trophies will be given to the first five places in each height class plus the overall for each division. The divisions are men, women, masters, and teens. Proceeds will benefit the Agawam Athletic Department.

Both Fitness First and S.T.A.R.T. Inc. are sponsors and are located at 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. The promoter of the Mr., Mrs., and Teen Atlantic States is Ron Hebert of Jeron Productions in Southwick.

The body building event is "drug free" and all participants will be tested for steroids by the use of a polygraph test. Mr. America competitor, Moe Roy, will be appearing as the guest poser.

For more information, call Ron Hebert, 569-5604, or Kurt Welker of Fitness First, 786-1460.

Agawam High JV Girls Have Many Fine Players

Agawam Girls' soccer is not only played in the Harmon A. Smith Field stadium. Coach Missy Sullivan heads a spirited Junior Varsity team. The JV's feature returning sophomores Erin Brown, Jen Easton, Kathy Gravel, Kim Nacewicz, Melanie Rivers, and Alison Rock.

Sophomore newcomers include Jen Christopher, Sarah McNab, Heather Magistri, Jen Melbourne, Jodi Polep, and Kelly Quink.

The JV's are bolstered by freshmen Debbie Conklin, Liz Cornwell, Laura Bielitz, Stephanie Mason, and Lisa Messenger.

The JV's exert constant pressure, outshooting their opponents 81-40. They own a 2-3-1 record (after facing Cathedral on September 28th) and are really starting to gel as a unit.

Agawam Soccer Parents To Hold Annual Dance

The Agawam High School Soccer Parents Association will be holding a Top 40's Dance on Saturday, October 14th, at the Polish-American Club, Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, from 8:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

There will be many raffle prizes, and everyone is invited to bring snacks. Donation is $5 per ticket, and tables may be reserved.

For tickets and/or reservations, call Marie Nardi, 786-7553, or John Cosgrove, 786-0854.

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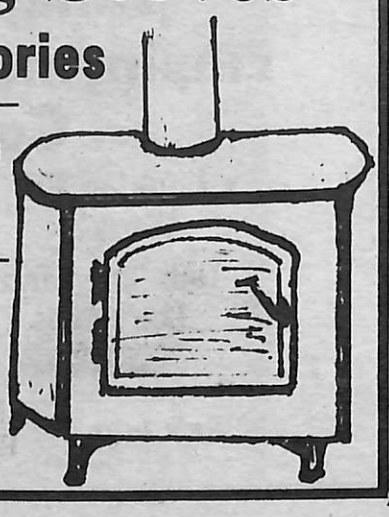

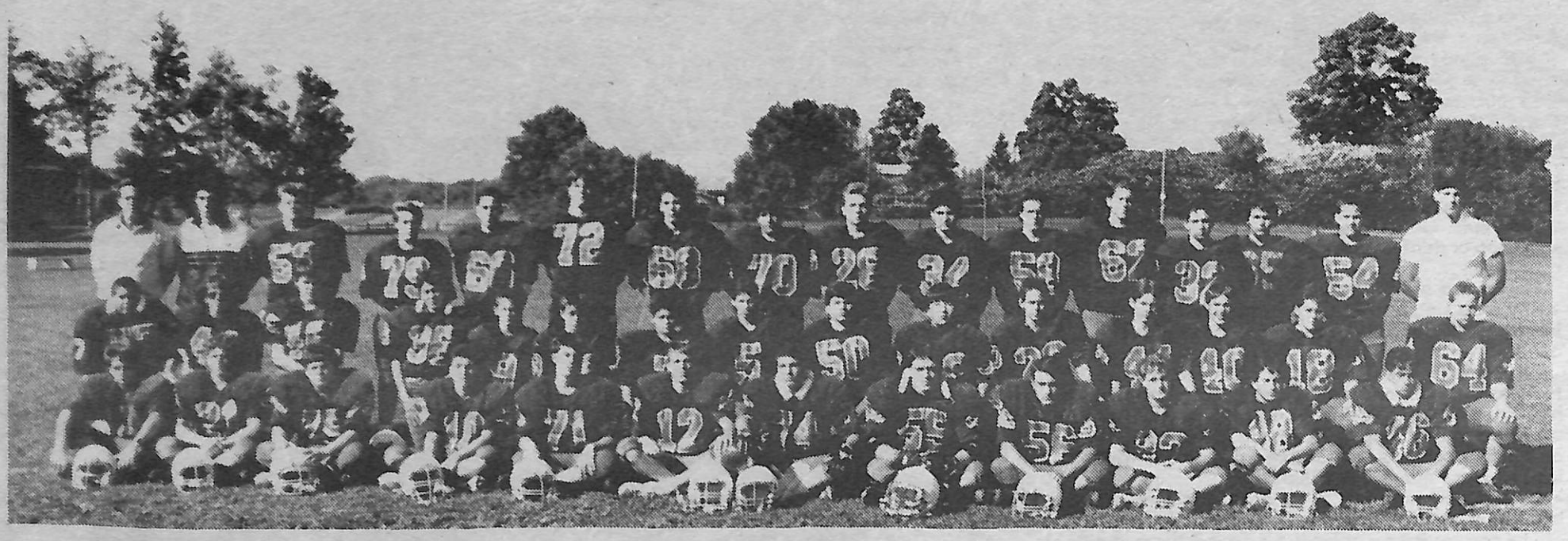

MEMBERS OF THE 1989 Agawam Junior High freshman football team, currently 2-0 at presstime. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Frosh Blank Knights, 12-0

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

"Old Lou Conte had a farm, E I E I O, and on his farm he had some players, E I E I O, with a Danny Briggs here, and a Todd Chamberlain there, E I E I O."

Yes, you can visit Conte's Agawam Junior High freshman football farm each Friday this fall. The team moved to 2-0 with a 12-0 stop us if you can win over Holyoke High at Arthur H. Roberts Field in Holyoke September 29th.

This team plays offense and defense and executes very well. Add to that, both wins have come on the road. They appear to have supreme confidence and an ability to make the big play when it counts.

They won the flip and deferred to the second half. Holyoke converted a fourth and short on their first series, then promptly fumbled on first down. Agawam took over on Holyoke's 48 yard line.

Seven plays later, Agawam found paydirt when Danny Briggs bolted in from the five. The conversion was fumbled away and the Brownies settled for a 6-0 lead.

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The rest of the day was for the defenses. Nick Langone was a standout performer for the young Brownies. He manned the middle. After many attempts to run up the middle by the Purple Knights failed, they took their game outside or to the air.

Marcus Trinchini and Todd Chamberlain were on the outside and Holyoke was unable to get any business done out there either.

After Agawam's initial success on the ground, Holyoke made some adjustments.

More specifically, they were able to enjoy a tremendous performance from linebacker Edwin Rodriguez. The Purple Knights varsity team would love to have this performer. Watch for this name. He made big, heavy stops and pounded Brownie ballcarriers for the remainder of the afternoon. He pressured Dan Pryce, Agawam's quarterback. This guy nearly stole handoffs. He was all over the field.

The half ended with Agawam leading, 6-0. Agawam got the ball first and turned it over deep in its own territory. Holyoke hurt itself with a holding penalty and then gave the ball back when Briggs intercepted a pass on the left sideline.

Agawam caught a break early in the fourth quarter. It got a little sloppy handling the football on exchanges and in fact lost the ball at about its own 35. Holyoke was whistled for 12 men on the field and the Brownies were able to continue a drive.

The Brownies moved smartly to the Holyoke 34 before Briggs was sacked by Rodriguez. The Holyoke backer, happy with his play, gave Briggs a slap on the helmet as he was getting up. Briggs had to be settled down. Conte sent him right back out there.

Poetic justice time. Briggs went 41 yards down the left sideline on the next play and was taken down at the Holyoke 6. The Brownies got a two-yard touchdown blast from Chamberlain a couple plays later.

Thus the final, 12-0 Agawam. This loss avenged a 30-0 pasting at the hands of the Purple Knights a year ago.

"E I E I O."

Huge Turnout Expected For Riverside Banquets

Over 1,100 people will be attending the 1989 NASCAR Winston Racing Series Awards Banquet for the Riverside Park Speedway. It will be the first time that a NASCAR race facility is forced to make its banquet a two-day event.

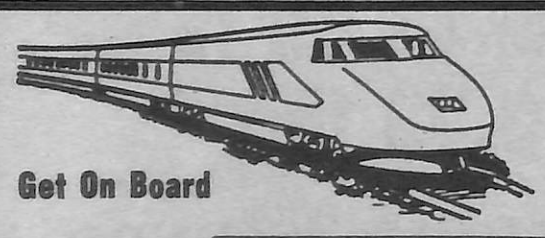
In order to accommodate the competitors, teams, and sponsors, the management of Riverside Park Speedway will host two separate banquets. On Friday, November 17th, it will be a salute to the Late Model Division and the Strictly Stock Division.

Then, on Saturday, November 18th, it's the crowning of the 1989 NASCAR Winston Racing Series Champion, **Bruce D'Alessandro** and the top 10 owners and drivers of the NASCAR Modifieds, plus the Pro Stock Division (also receiving awards for the top 10 owners and drivers.

Two championship award dinners will be held on Friday, November 17th, for the Late Models, and Strictly Stock Divisions, and Saturday, November 18th, for the Modifieds and Pro Stock Divisions. Both functions will be held at Valle's Steak House, 77 West Street, Springfield.

The tickets must be listed under the driver's name, such: driver's name, car number, and division. Make sure that you request the right banquet dates. Makes checks payable to: Riverside Park Speedway Banquet, P.O. Box 307, Agawam, MA, 01001, Attn: Gina G. Call 786-9300 to order or reserve by phone.

Please make sure that you purchase early as we anticipate sellouts for both of these events.



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— By Bill Chiba —

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In the Valley District, **Congomond Lake** will not be stocked this week. The formula set is as follows: Mattawa in Orange; Laurel in Erving State Forest; Sheomet in Warwick; Peppermill in Ware; Chapin in Ludlow; Forest Lake in Palmer; Holland in Holland; Hampton in Westfield and Five Mile; Watershops in Springfield.

Western District: Deerfield River, Windsor Pond, Littleville, Buel, Laurel Lake in Lee, Stockbridge Bowl, and Goose Pond in Lee.

In the Central District, South Pond in Brookfield, and Big Alum in Sturbridge.

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We have seen an increase in the Coyote population here in Mass. but no where as large as in Maine. The Maine Legislature took the bull by the horns and passed legislation putting a bounty on the coyote.

From records kept in the past, bounties seem to never work in controlling the population of undersized wildlife species. The Maine biologists are against the bounty system set-up.

The legislature called the piece of legislation "Coyote Awards Program." A $5,000 kitty is being set-up from super-sport license sales and it will be handed out piecemeal: $1,500 for the largest female coyote; $1,000 for the largest male; $500 each for the most males and females; $1,000 for the total number of coyotes killed; and $500 in a drawing from all entries.

The program is approved for only one year, unless revived for another. Coyotes have to be killed from October to April in the program to be eligible for the awards. Trappers are allowed to enter the program.

I doubt thaf the program will make a dent in the coyote population. It is a fact that when nature or man decimate the coyote community, the females give birth to multiple numbers of pups instead of one or two. This has been the case out in the Western part of our country. The more coyotes destroyed, the greater increase in the birth rate. Mother Nature works in many mysterious ways.

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Beginning Tuesday, October 10th, at the Southwick High School, the Division will offer a Hunter Safety Course for adults and minors starting at 7:00 p.m.; also at the Gateway Regional High School in Huntington on Littleville Road at 6:30 p.m.

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If you are into fishing the inland waters of Connecticut and the Marine waters, here is an advisory from the DEP at Hartford:

Trout fishing is excellent on the Farmington River, at Candlewood Lake, Ball Pond in New Fairfield, Wonoscopomuc Lake, Mohawk Pond, Tyler Pond, Highland Lake, and West Hill Pond.

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Bluefish still provide the best prospects and surf casting opportunities still exist at Harkness Memorial, Hammonasset Beach, Sherwood Island, Penfield Reef, the spit at Charles Island, and Milford Harbor. Large bluefish are also chasing bait fish into the mouths of major rivers and harbors.

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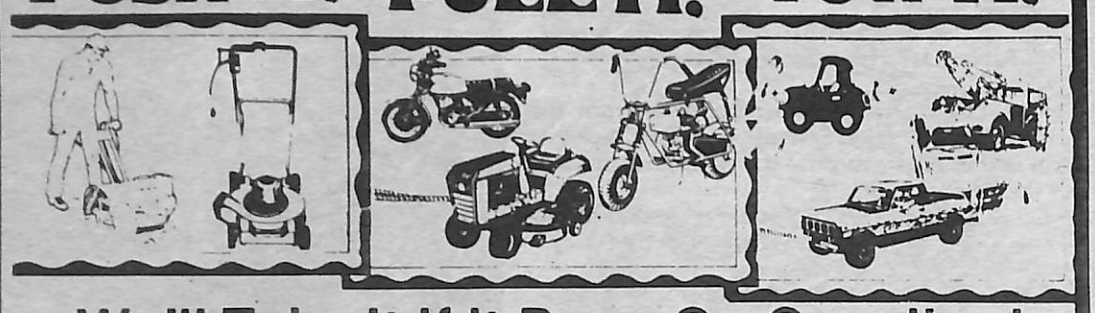

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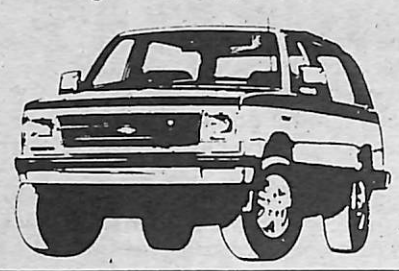

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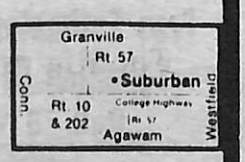

AHS Soccer Blasts Falcons, 5-0

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Blitzkrieg. Does anyone remember that from their history class back in High School? It means "lightning war." Get in there fast, surprise them, take no prisoners and get the heck out.

Dick Cowles, Agawam High's boys' soccer coach, must have been present and listening that day in school.

On Wednesday afternoon, September 27th, the Brownies broke open a scoreless affair with three goals in 1:04 to trounce Minnechaug Regional, 5-0. The win moves Agawam's season mark to 1-1-2.

At 22:25 of the first half, Cowles had his team go "Red." Chris Mitchell enters the game giving the Brownies a three-man front, and if the opposition doesn't catch it right away, it leaves a lot of room to roam in the middle.

It paid instant dividends. Mike Wright fed Dan Harpin in the middle of the field. Dangerous Todd Hyland was on Harpin's right side. The defense went to Hyland so Harpin let go a low shot. The goalkeeper got some of it. He didn't get enough as the ball eased over the line just out of the desperate lunge of the keeper. 1-0 Agawam at 22:00.

Forty-two seconds later, Wright raced between two defenders to set up a sure score. However, he was taken down from behind and a penalty kick was awarded to the Brownies. Jay Reynolds, who shined in Tuesday's practice, rifled home the goal that sent the Brownies into a two-goal lead.

The third goal came just 22 seconds later. Mike Shea spotted another seam in the Minnechaug defense. He took the ball and put it into the right side of the cage, 3-0.

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Prior to the game, there was a lot of business on the Agawam sidelines and in the locker room. Cowles set some goals for the game. Three goals in the first half and a shutout for the game. One goal was achieved and 40 minutes later, the kids gave Cowles the rest of the bargain.

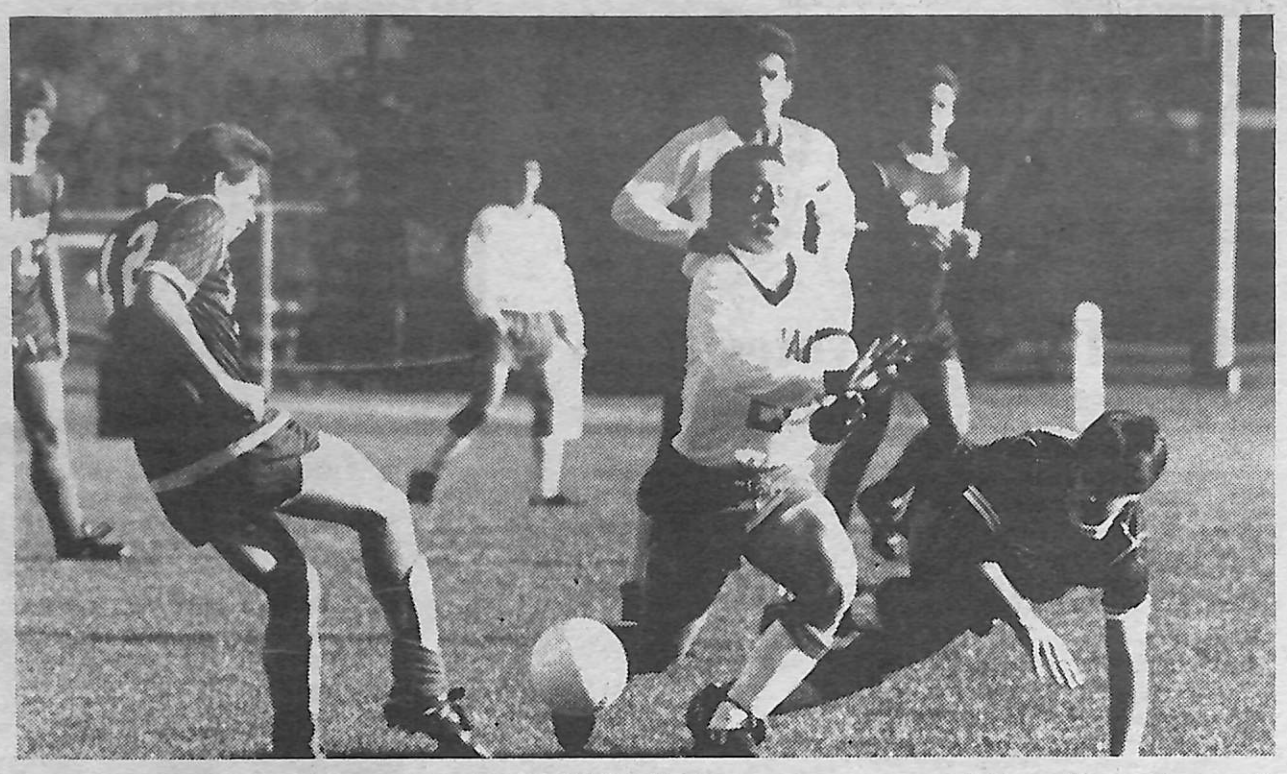
Dave Poggi, Brett Boskiewicz, and Andy Canata combined to whitewash the Falcons as they split duty between the Agawam pipes. Poggi played the first half; Boskiewicz and Canata shared the second stanza.

Another significant event that took place prior to the contest was the Brownies donning black arm bands. They have now dedicated this season to their late friend and teammate, Mike Barker. Barker played soccer for the Brownies several years ago. Cowles recalls this hustling, scrappy player, "He never really had the soccer skills that many of the kids around here have, but, I have never ever had a kid play any harder for me with as much intensity."

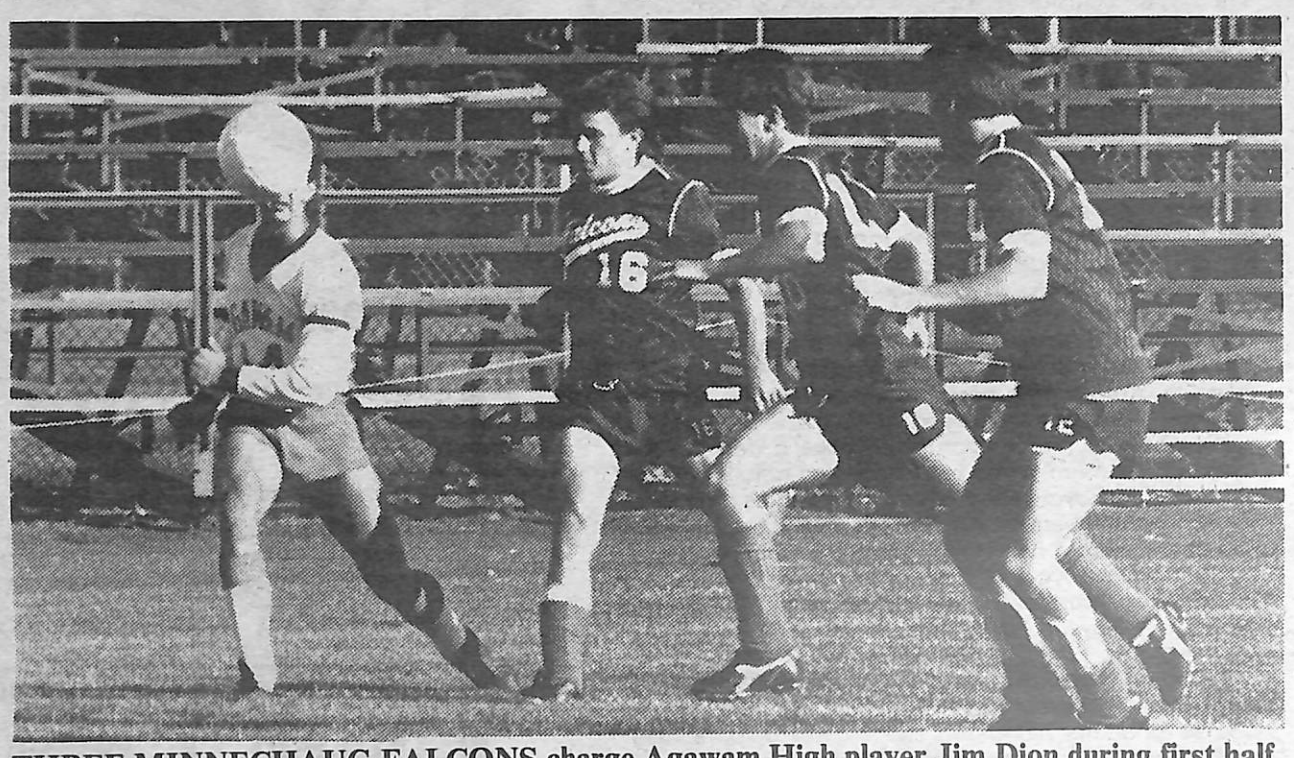
Barker was tragically killed in an automobile accident this spring.

Hyland and Shea each scored a goal in the second half to account for the final margin of victory.

In junior varsity action, the Brownies really got it cranked-up, scoring nine goals in a 9-0 rout vs. Minn.



AGAWAM HIGH STRIKER TODD HYLAND moves past two Minnechaug Regional defenders as teammate Jim Dion moves in to help. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



THREE MINNECHAUG FALCONS charge Agawam High player Jim Dion during first half action last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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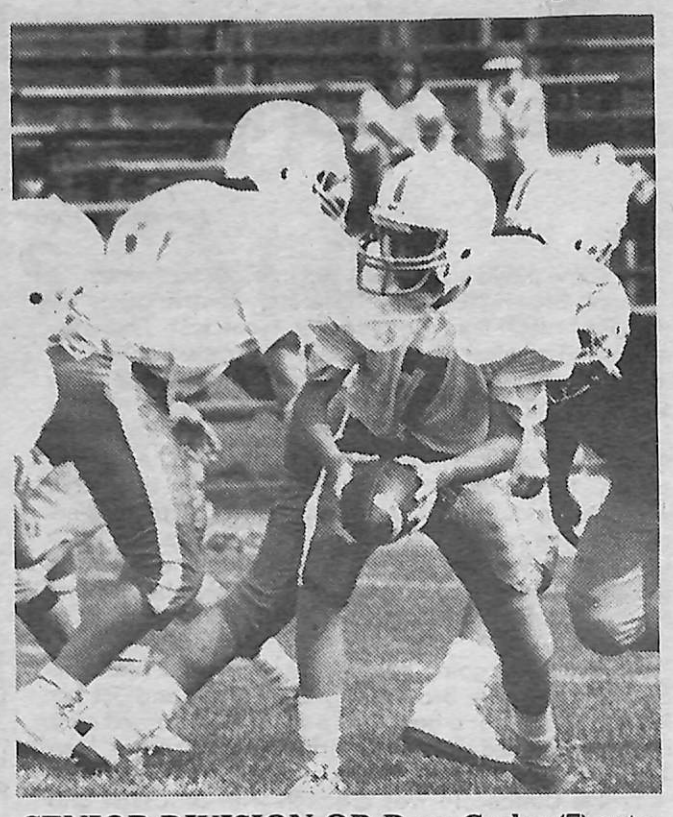
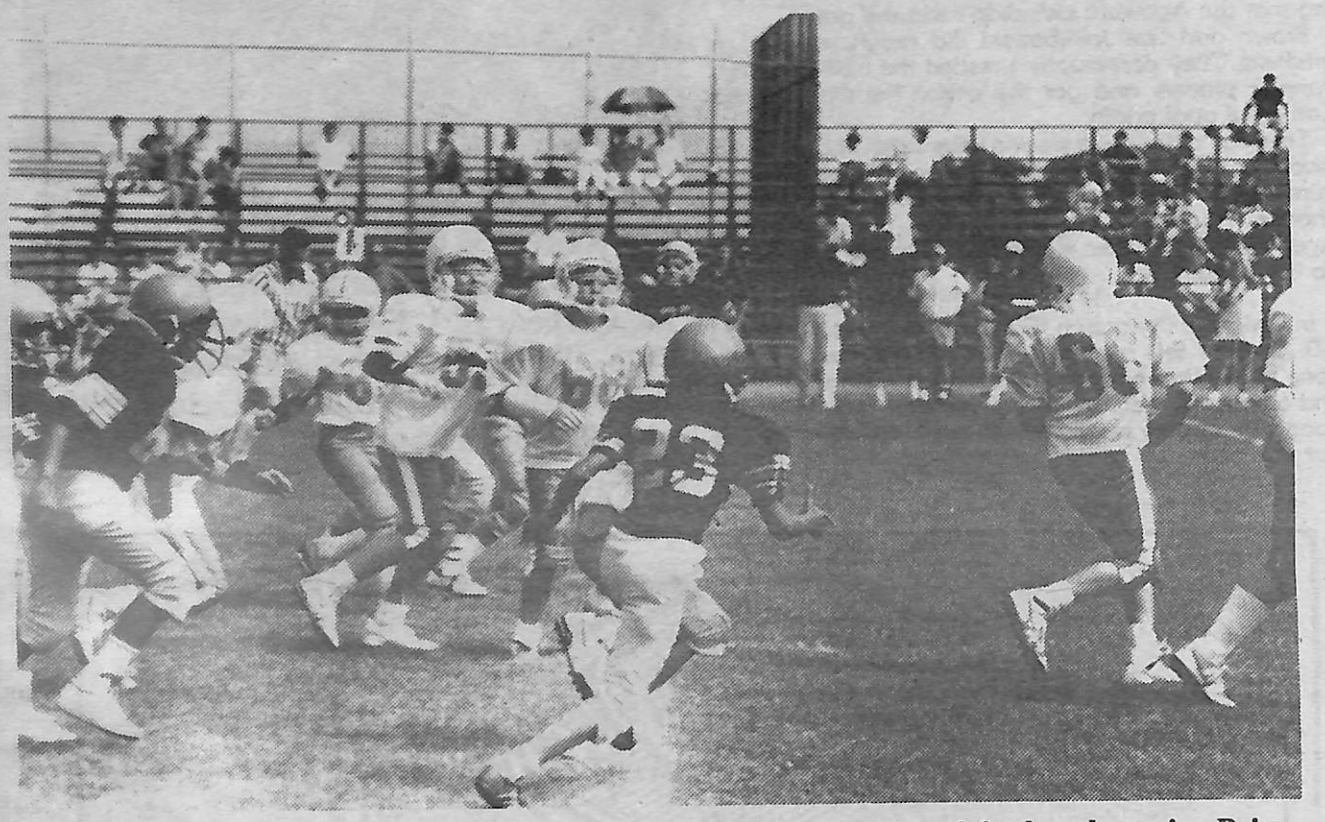
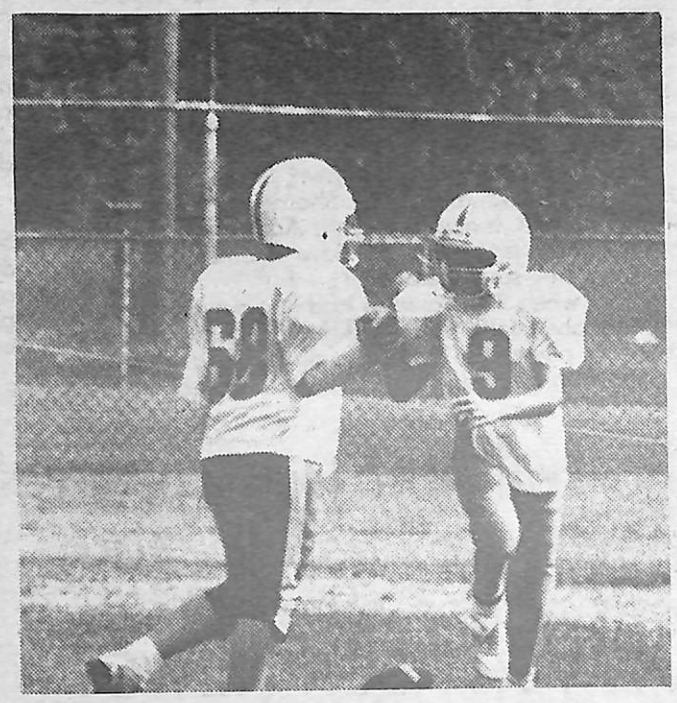
AGAWAM DEFENDER Nathan Wooley stops Northampton runner for a short gain in action at Harmon Smith Field. Chris Langdon (32) and Dan Bodman (84) close in on the play to assist. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



SENIOR DIVISION QB Dave Curley (7) sets to hand-off to Chris Langdon (32) as Agawam hosted Northampton at Harmon Smith Field in the Suburban Football League. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JEFF BLEWS RUNS FOR A SHORT GAIN as Northampton defender closes in. Brian Menard (66), Matt Harrington (68), and Adam Kimball (55) lead the play in the junior division game at Harmon Smith Field in the Suburban Football League. The team lost to defending champ Westfield Colonials, 16-0, this past Sunday in the Whip City. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



JOE J. ALBANO (9) scores a touchdown for Agawam against the Chicopee Braves in junior division action last week. Agawam won, 22-0. Joining the celebration is Matt Harrington (68).

Jr. Footballers Bow To Westfield, 16-0

It a hard-fought game last Sunday at Westfield High, the Westfield Colonials defeated the Agawam Warriors, 16-0, in the junior division of the Suburban Football League.

Trailing 8-0 throughout most of the game, the Warriors held Westfield at bay until the final three minutes of the fourth quarter when the Whip City team scored its second touchdown of the day.

An outstanding performance was turned-in by Brian Menard, who was credited with five tackles and many assists. He was in Westfield's backfield all day.

Also turning-in fine defensive play were Derek Parker and Andrew Markowski.

The Warriors are new to the Metro League this year and played a fine game against last year's champs.

Coaches of this year's team are Jim Markowski (head), Bill Menard, Jim Hill, Bill Bebiel, and Bill Bednarzyk. Good luck to the boys in this Sunday's game vs. rival West Springfield.

Strictly Stock Division Huge Hit At Riverside

Riverside Park Speedway's Director of Racing, Ben Dodge, Jr., was overwhelmed by the success and popularity of the Strictly Stock Division at the successful NASCAR Winston quarter-mile track in Agawam at Riverside.

Riverside's leading division is the NASCAR Tour Modifieds, but Pro Stocks, Late Models, along with the Strictly Stocks, also are becoming big at Riverside.

In 1989, Dodge added the Strictly Stocks in an effort to create a new division of inexpensive racing. This would allow new and young competitors from the popular Riverside Enduro and Dem-Duro's to become regular Saturday NASCAR competitors.

To sum it up, the Strictly Stocks are perhaps the best division for the person who wants to go racing on a low dollar budget. During the inaugural 1989 season, the Speedway drew an average of 35 regular competitors.

This was very attractive to other Strictly Stock drivers to discover a quality field of cars, but not an overflow pit area. In theory, there were not many competitors that didn't race in the heats and features every Saturday. This gave everyone a shot at the points and the top 10 awards.

As for the racing in the Strictly Stocks, it was great. There were 10 different winners, with the full size Chevelle and Camaros being the most popular winners.

As for action, three and four wide was common and it was real racing not just amateur-style Demo-Derby. The cars were professional in appearance and looked more like a NASCAR Late Model Division (best described for a new division as a promoter's dream).

Still, the Strictly Stocks, like any new division, had some typical new division problems. The rules lacked definition in a lot of areas and several amendments of change had to be added. So for 1989, Lenny Blews and John Whitney, the chief technical inspectors, after a season of research, have come up with the new 1990 Strictly Stock Riverside Park Speedway Rules. The new rules have a few changes in chassis, transmissions, and basic set-up procedure. It should not eliminate any of already running and built Riverside cars.

Rules for the 1990 Riverside Strictly Stock Division are available by written (paid) request only. To obtain the 1990 Strictly Stock rules, send a check for $5 to Riverside Park Speedway, P.O. Box 307, Agawam, Massachusetts, 01001, Attn: Gina G.

Once you have received the rules, if you wish to compete, you must submit the number request form at the bottom of the 1990 rule sheet. If the number is available, it becomes your permanent number at no extra charge.

The name, car number, and sponsor will appear on the 1990 Strictly Stock roster. No questions on rules or phone requests will be accepted or discussed.

Inspectors have final say on all rules, not the Speedway Director's Office. The 1990 Strictly opener is on March 24th, with four divisions for the Eagle Snacks 100, only at Riverside Park Speedway.

Brownie Booters Battle Cathederal To 1-1 Draw In Girls' Soccer

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Big-time players come up big in big-time games.

Missy Brown played an absolutely terrific game for the Agawam High girls' soccer team last Thursday afternoon against the Panthers of Cathedral in Springfield. Believe me, those in attendance saw something special from Missy in that game.

In another big early season test for the Brownies, they held the Western Mass. Champions in check most of the afternoon and had to settle for a 1-1 tie. There will be a rematch prior to any post season activity. This game is not on your schedule, but, a game has been added. A 6:30 p.m. contest between the Panthers and the Brownies will be played Monday, October 9th, at Harmon A. Smith Field at Agawam High School.

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Agawam was going against the wind in the first half. Early in the game, Brown lunged for a ball and got her foot on it. She got a good piece of it and it carried over the outstretched arms of Cathedral goalkeeper Lisa Tassone.

Tracie DiMascola was credited with an assist and the Brownies had a lead to protect.

The Panthers then went on the attack. They were all over the Brownie end for long stretches of time in that first half. Katie McMahon had an opportunity with Agawam goalkeeper Kim Trudel out of the nets. She hit it wide. Panther winger Lisa Bell had several in close opportunities; she couldn't cash. Sorry Lisa, bank's closed.

Bell would not quit. She took a pass from the corner and headed the ball for a sure goal. Trudel thought otherwise; a leaping tip save and Agawam held onto its lead for dear life.

Tremendous defense by Brown, Cathy Scaggs, and Joy Clark was common place. Sharon Phaneuf was very visible as well: It appeared as if Agawam was in trouble so many times only to have another remarkable hustling play save them.

Then, when the Brownies had just survived another Panther onslaught, Cathedral tied the game. It seemed innocent enough at the outset of the play.

Agawam cleared the ball to the middle of the field. Laura Arnold of Cathedral fed the ball to McMahon who let go a long shot right on Trudel. Kim put her hands up and the ball appeared to knuckle. She got most of both of her hands on the ball, but it sailed. It sailed up and over her head and into the nets for a tie score. That tied it at 1-1 with 6:58 to play in the half. New ballgame.

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As the second half began, Agawam started things with some token pressure keeping the Panthers bottled up in their own end. This was only a sign of things to come.

Cathedral did have a little something left. The Panthers had a big rush up the left sideline and got the ball to the middle. Trudel made the shift and then she made a spectacular play. She dove to her left and kept the ball out of the cage. Sensational work by the freshman.

Let's just say that if Tassone had a snack after the ballgame, it wouldn't have been a Brownie. She saw plenty of those at the game.

Wave after wave after wave of Brownies came after that go ahead goal. DiMascola, Karen Patterson, Brie Cosgrove, Katie Burns, Scaggs, Jen Lomelino, Phaneuf, and the ever-present Brown just kept digging in and pressuring. Credit the Cathedral defense. It was amazing that the Agawam kids didn't win the game.

Brown and Sue Jakubowski did excellent work at midfield. They continually wrestled the ball free from Panther players and got the action heading for the Cathedral goal again.

They say a tie is like kissing your sister. It doesn't do much for you. Anybody who saw the hustle and determination at this game may disagree with you for a change. This was an excellent effort, on the road, by Agawam girls' soccer. Remember, October 9th, they'll do it all again.

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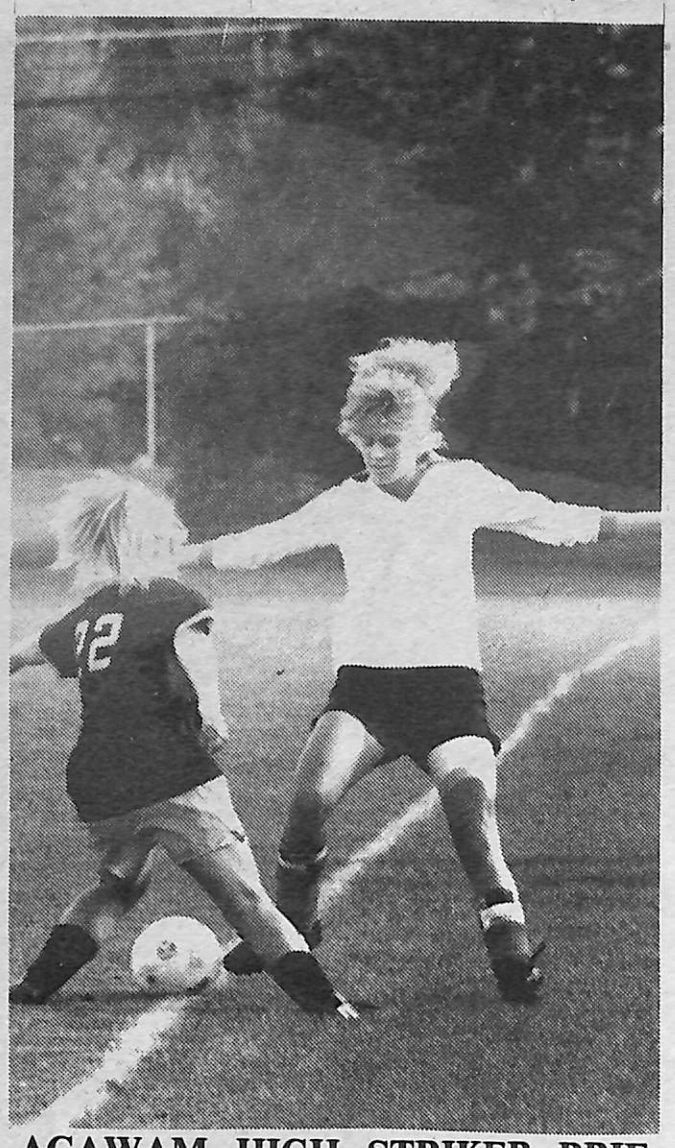
In junior varsity action, Cathedral downed Agawam, 5-0. Sources tell me that most of that damage was done in the first half and that Agawam outshot them and outplayed them in the second half. It is always a good sign to play hard when winning the game seems out of reach.



AGAWAM HIGH STRIKER BRIE COSGROVE (right) battles for the ball during varsity action last week. After tying Cathedral, 1-1, Thursday, September 28th, the Brownies have another test vs. the Panthers on Monday, October 9th, at 6:30 p.m., at Agawam High. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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MEMBERS OF THE 1989 Agawam High varsity gymnastics team. Back row, from left - Karen Hanson, Michelle Auger, and Nicole LaPalme (captain). Front row - Karen Dean, Maria Losito, Jill Robb, and Ellen Peters. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Brownie Gymnasts On Tear; 4-1 At Presstime

by Bob Johnson
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Prior to this fall season, the Agawam High girls' gymnastics team had never scored over 100 points in a meet under current head coach Laura Benoit.

The Brownies have competed in three meets thus far in 1989 and they've broken the century mark thrice. Yes, it is getting routine for this year's talented team.

Agawam smoked East Longmeadow and Holyoke in a tri-meet setup at Agawam High, Monday, October 2nd. Agawam scored 107.75, East Longmeadow scored 86.6, and Holyoke was third with 68.8.

Agawam was led again by Karen Dean and Maria Losito. Dean, with a glittering 8.65 in the floor exercise, scored an all-around 29.60. Losito set the pace in the vaulting at 7.6 and on the balance beam, where she recorded a 7.5. Her final all-around total was 29.10.

Jill Rob and Karen Hanson scored very well in the floor exercise at 6.15 and 7.15. Ellen Peters had a very solid day for the Brownies with a 7.55 score in the vault and a 6.0 on the uneven bars.

Agawam won each category in the meet. East Longmeadow came in second in each event and Holyoke was third in each event. Agawam scored a brilliant 30.10 in the floor exercise. Contrast that with East Longmeadow's 22.85. That my friends is a significant difference.

Agawam nipped East Longmeadow 28.6 to 17.9 in the vault; the locals won the balance beam, 24.85 to 19.75; and AHS hammered the field in the unevens, 24.20 to 16.10.

Due to a quirk in scheduling, you'll only have one more opportunity to see the kids at home this year. They host Chicopee Comp and Wahconah this Friday afternoon, October 6th, at 5:00 p.m.

The Brownies will then take it on the road for the rest of this fall campaign.

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On Thursday, September 28th, the Brownies took second in a tri-meet at Hampshire Regional School. The host team outscored the Brownies 115 to 104. Central High finished third at 77.5.

Agawam once again was led by Losito and Dean. Maria scored a 28.05 and Karen led the Brownie attack with another 30-plus performance. Her final score was 30.10.

Agawam High JV Soccer Action

BRYAN HOLLISTER battles for the ball in AHS JV action last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

AGAWAM HIGH JV soccer forward John Battista fires a blast on goal in action last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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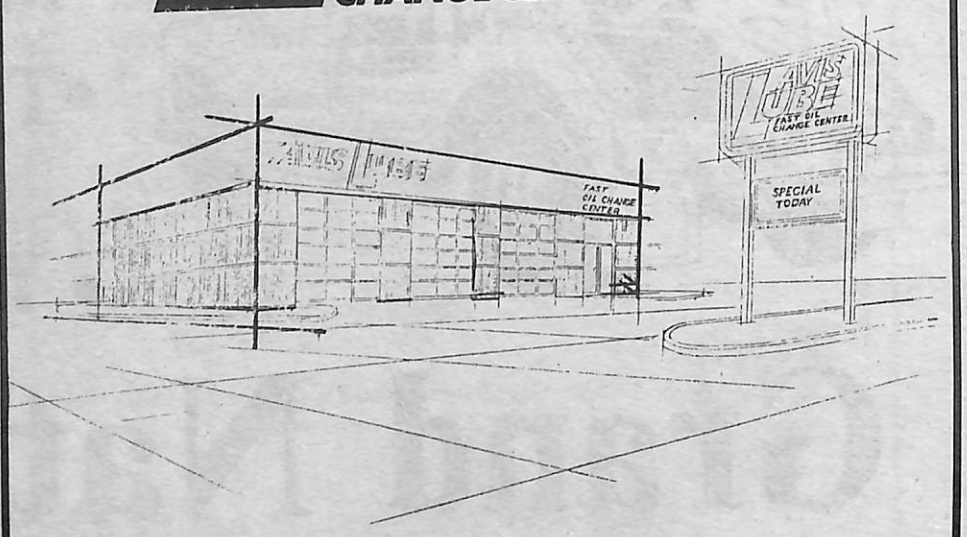

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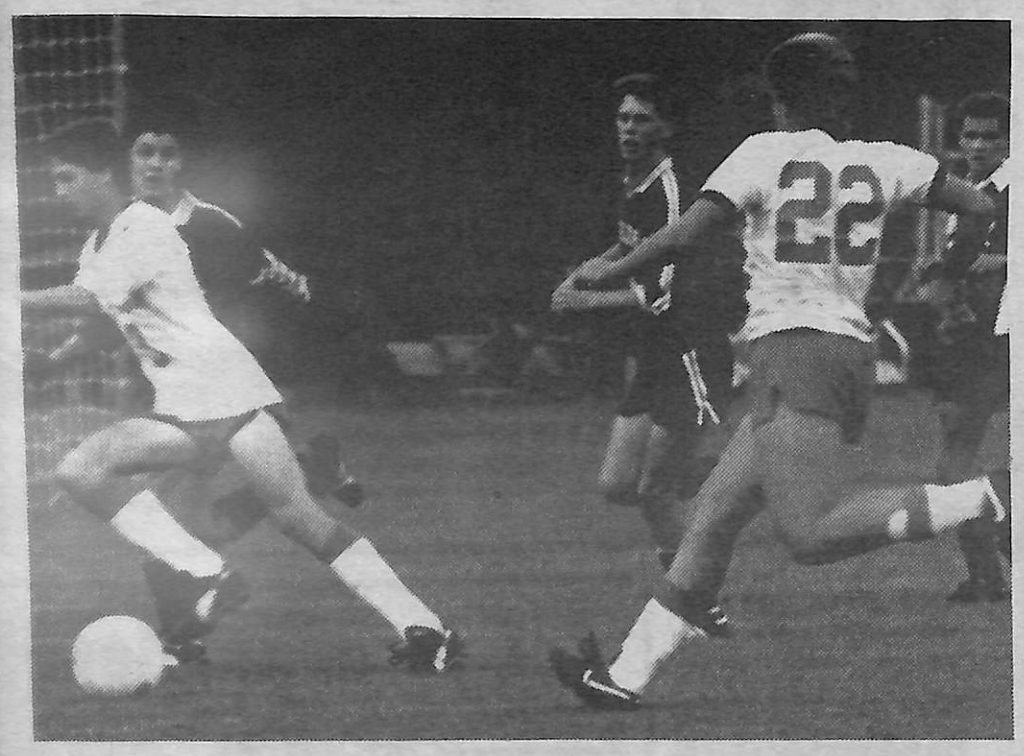

TEAM MEMBERS OF THE 1989 Agawam High junior varsity soccer team. Back row, from left - coach John Cardaropoli, Derek Casinghino, Craig Waryasz, John Barrett, Carl M. Vivenzio, Ben Ferris, Adam Schmaelzle, John Lawson, Bryan E. Hollister, Daren T. Conlon, and Mark Melloni. Front row - Brian Montagna, Marc St. Onge, Bryan McDonald, Chris Thornton, Tim Rapa, Anthony Maloni, Mike Bryant, John Battista, Dan LaBreck, and Chris McElligott. IN PHOTO LEFT, Mike Bryant (left) and Bryan Hollister (right) buzz the net for the Brownies. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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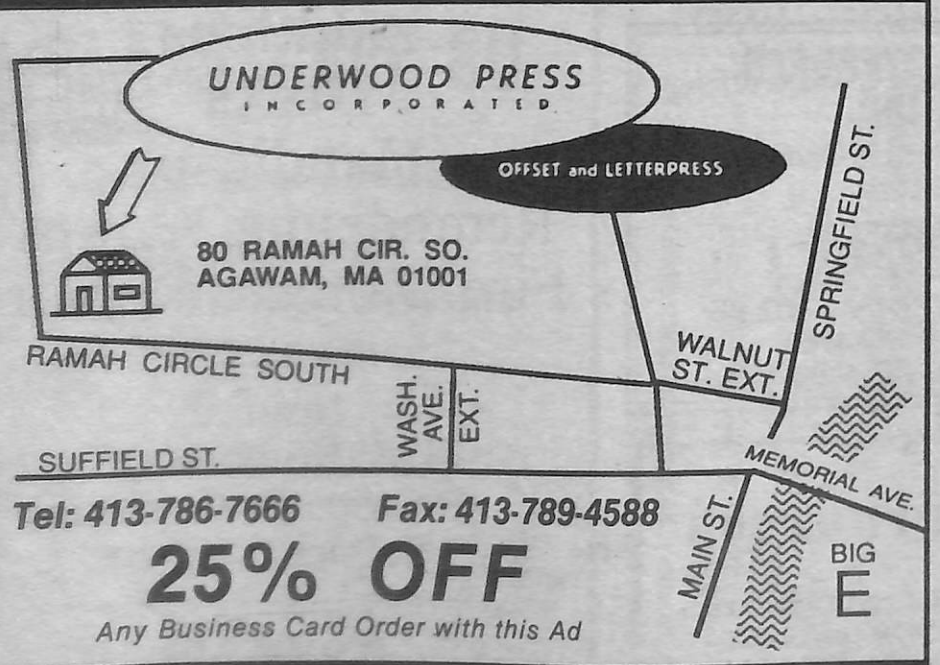

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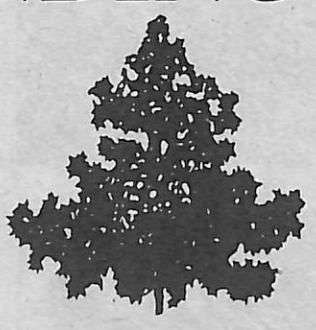

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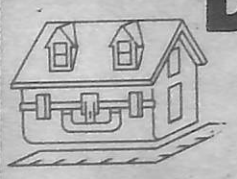

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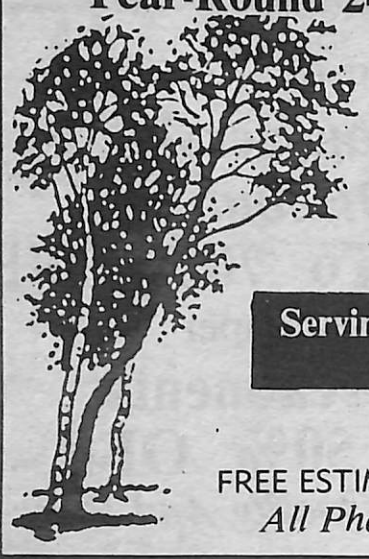

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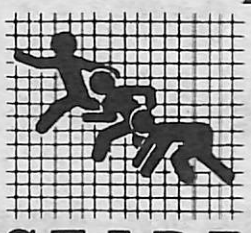

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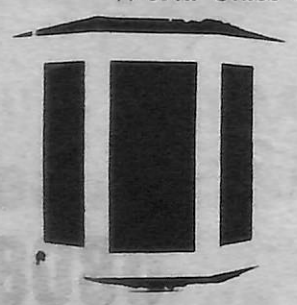

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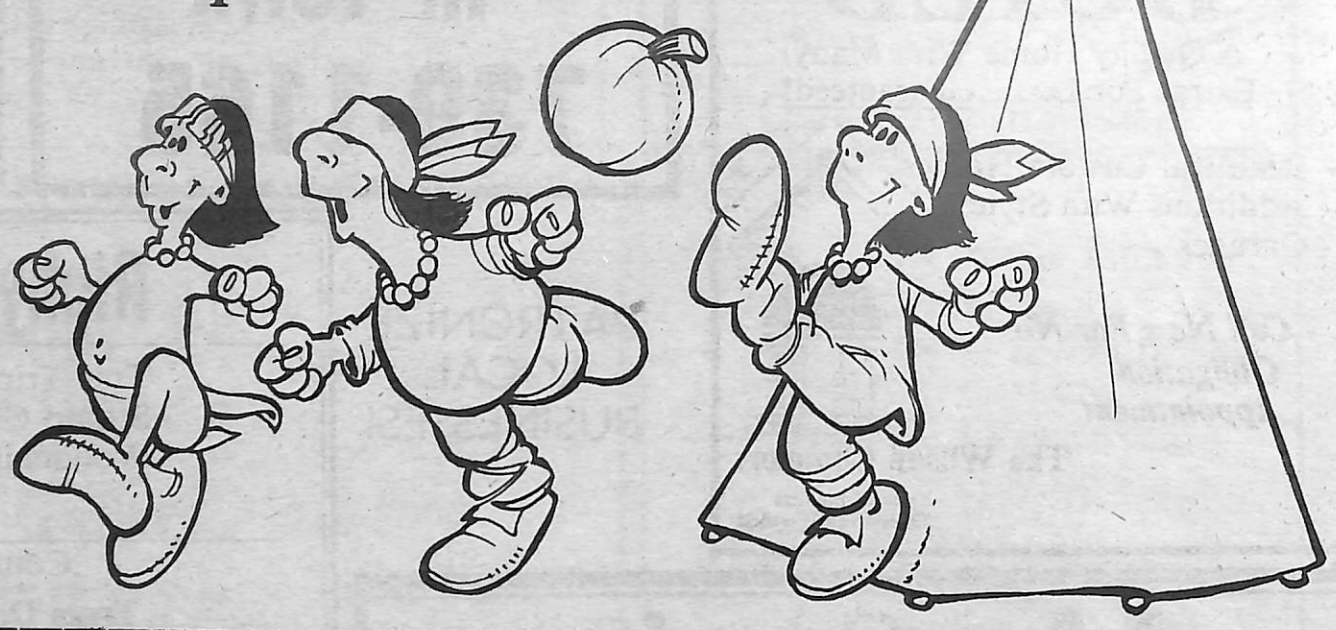

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FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Bundy clarinet. Bought new - used one year. Asking $250.00 or B.O.; 1976 Ford Pinto Wagon. Needs bodywork $250.00 or B.O. Call **786-7439.**

FOR SALE: 1979 Oldsmobile Cutlass. New transmission, excellent condition. $1,200 or best offer. Call Pat after 5:30 p.m. **786-5428.**

FOR SALE: Rust and gold flowered Colonial couch & chair. Good condition. $275. Call after 3:00. **786-1959.**

FOR SALE: Camaro '80 Z28, 350 engine, 6,000 mi.; turbo 350 trans, 10,000 mi.; BF Goodrich tires, 1,500 mi. For parts $2,000. **789-4004.**

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WANTED

WANTED: Duplex mate. $285/month plus ½ util. **789-1633.** John.

INVESTOR WANTED: Build new homes in local area. Approvals ready. High yield. **203-933-5656.**

WANTED: Teenage or "Grandparent" babysitter. 3 to 4 hours, evening (5-9 pm). 1 (one) weeknight per week. River Road/Main St. area. Call **789-0219** after 5 pm.

SITUATIONS WANTED: Nurse's aide or companion will care for elderly in their home evenings or overnight. Excellent references. **786-6996.**

WANTED: Roommate wanted to share 3 bedroom house in Agawam. $350/mo, utilities included. **789-3694** after 5:00 p.m.

FOR RENT

APARTMENT FOR RENT: W. Spfld., 1 bdrm. Mittineague section. Quiet, off street parking, 2nd flr. $420/mo. No util., no pets. **525-8492 or 525-7645.**

FOR RENT: Large duplex, 4 Rm apartment, Agawam. Includes stove, refg., dishwasher, garbage disp., & air cond. with washer/dryer hook up. $675.00. Avail. Nov. 1; no pets. **786-3169 or 789-3304.**

FOR RENT: 4 Rm apartment, Agawam. W/heat & washer-dryer hook up. $475.00, no pets. Avail. Nov. 1. **789-1953.**

APARTMENT FOR RENT: 2 bedrooms, 2nd floor of 2 family house, w/w, garage, private yard, quiet neighborhood. $495 plus utilities/month. Sec. dep. required. Call after 5:00 p.m. **789-1643.**

TAG SALE

TAG SALE: Feeding Hills, multifamily. Housewares, tools, toys, clothes. 21 Sunset Ter. (near F.H. center). Oct. 7-8-9, 10-4.

MULTIFAMILY TAG SALE: Agawam, Sat., Oct. 21, 10-4. 11 Losito Lane off Shoemaker. Table saw, microwave, elec. typewriter, horse breeders manuals, misc. household.

NEIGHBORHOOD TAG SALE: Oct. 7 & 8, 10-4 (Rain Date Oct. 14 & 15). Franklin & Lincoln St., Feeding Hills. 50¢ sale, 2 waterbeds, stereo, ceramic greenware & equipment, rollaway bed, toys, snowthrower, something for all.

TAG SALE: Oct. 14 & 15 from 10 AM - 3 PM. Household items, clothing, toys, etc. Corey Colonial Condominiums, off Edward St. on Corey St., Agawam, MA.

GARAGE SALE: Rain or shine. Friday, October 6, through Monday, October 9, from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., at 131 Northwood Street, Feeding Hills. Located off Springfield Street near fire station.

GIANT TAG SALE: Rain or shine. 38 Royal St., Agawam, MA (off Springfield St.). Loads of children's clothes, statues, couch & chair set, and a whole lot more. Sat., Sun., and Mon. (Oct. 7-9), 9-6.

TAG SALE: Sat., Oct. 7, 10-4 p.m. Household items, freezer, lamps, dining room set. 78 Morningside Circle, off Princeton. Weather permitting.

TAG SALE: Fri, Oct. 6, 10-4; Sat., Oct. 7, 9-4. 1162 River Road, Agawam. Misc., clothes, baby items.

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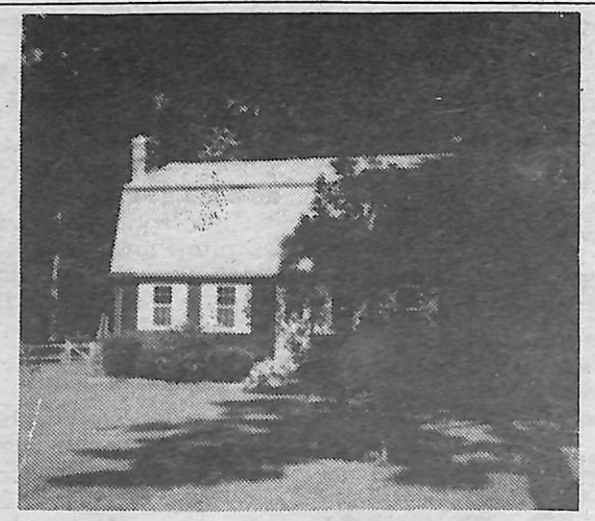
ANTIQUE BUSINESS - on Main Highway - Locally established business - unique offer by owner!! Call for details - Included in sale is eight room split level house, small cottage; 28 x 40 shop all this on one plus acre.



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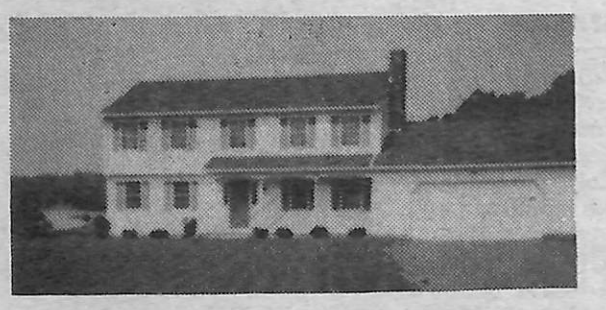

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